



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 ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Empire State Aerosciences Museum will hold its 2020 Annual Meeting virtually. The meeting will take place beginning at 7:00 pm on October 19, 2020.

The agenda for the meeting is:

- Call to Order: President Peter Russo
- Approval of Minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting (see pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter): Secretary Marvin Weiss and Members
- Treasurer's Report and Approval to file for Audit (see page 6 of this newsletter): Treasurer Joyce Newkirk and Members
- Introduction of Trustee Nominees and Election of Trustees (see pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter for the names of the nominees): Timothy Burke and C. Lynn Chevalier
- Closing/Adjournment: President Peter Russo

Members are encouraged to participate in the meeting in one of two ways.

1. Attend the meeting online. The Annual Meeting will be held on Zoom. Any member wanting to attend the meeting on line will need Zoom on his/her electronic device (computer, iPad, phone, etc.). To log into the meeting use the following link and information:

Topic: ESAM Annual Meeting

Time: Oct 19, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85891025453?pwd=d05rdzRENzVST2lIWU45VDN5U1ROZz09>

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2. Participate by Proxy. Any member may attend the meeting by proxy. The Proxy Form is located on page 9 of this newsletter. The Proxy Form must be sent to the ESAM Office either in hard copy or by email. An electronic version of the Proxy Form may be found on the ESAM website.

To be eligible to vote, an individual must be an ESAM member on October 5, 2020.

If you have questions about the Annual Meeting, please call the ESAM Office at 518-377-2191.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members and Friends,

We have had quite the Summer, with nearly zero events, due to Covid-19.

However, our current Town of Glenville Supervisor, **Chris Koetzle** came up with a great idea: let's show a movie at the museum and involve the **Scotia Cinema**. We did! The movie was "Onward" from Pixar. The Town handled ticket sales and was "sold-out" for four nights beginning on September 3rd thru 6th. We created safe zones for the adults and children coming and were limited to only 50 people per session. **Storied Coffee** of Scotia also participated. And **First National Bank of Scotia** sponsored the event.



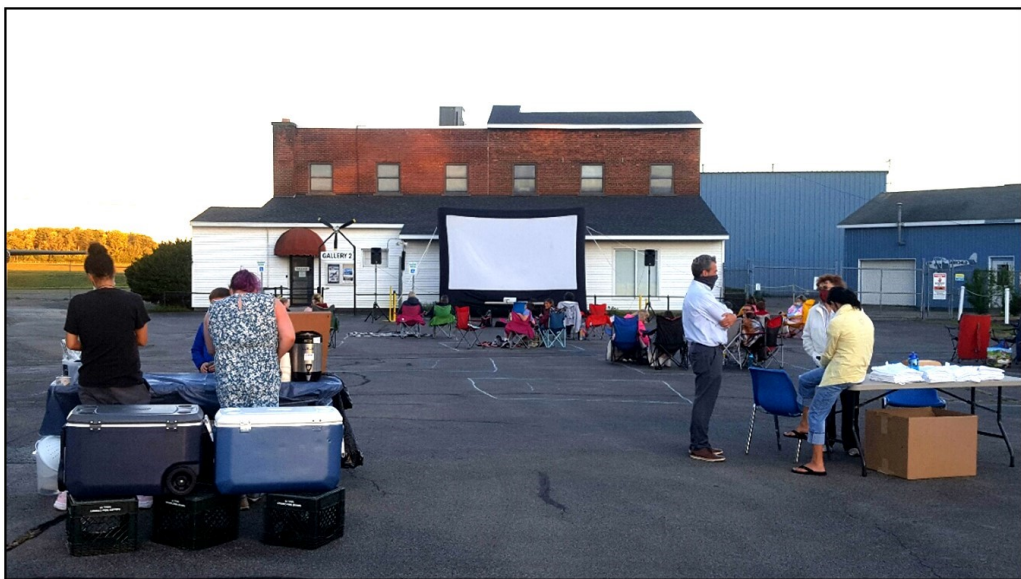
Peter Russo

We also want to thank **Cathy Gatta**, our County rep for acquiring the screen and projector, from the County, which had to be installed nightly. Supervisor Koetzle, his wife **Bea** and volunteer **Myrtle Major** represented the Town and a number of museum officers and members volunteered to set up and clean up each night. I want to thank publicly, **Joyce Newkirk**, **Gary Davis**, **Marv Weiss**, **Larry McArthur** and **John Panoski**. John also involved his son-in-law and grandson in assisting: **Eric** and **Thomas Anderson**.

On another note, we owe Chris Koetzle a large "Thank You." Chris was able to have **Claudio Zullo**, **President of Schenectady Steel Co.**, provide the steel structure to support the 12-ton model of the Concorde, at no cost to the museum. They have already started work on the structure. It looks like we may be able to install the Concorde sooner than next Spring.

A reminder that our Annual Meeting this year is going to be held virtually in October. New Board members will be voted into office. I will not be able to continue as president, since I have been diagnosed with cancer and will start treatment in mid-September. So, we need to search our membership for people willing to take on leadership duties.

Best regards,
*Peter V.
Russo, Sr.*
ESAM President



**As the sun sets in the ESAM parking lot,
all is ready for the open-air showing of the movie Onward.**

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ALEX AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE BY OCTOBER 15th

Each year, one or more ESAM volunteers are presented with the Alex Award for their sustained and outstanding volunteerism. Named in memory of a truly great ESAM volunteer, **Roland "Alex" Alexander**, the award recognizes the volunteer's service, cooperation, teamwork and a dedicated pursuit of excellence.

The ESAM Board of Trustees is actively seeking applications for this year's nominees for the Alex Award. The Board of Trustees welcomes applications, which may be sent to the ESAM office. Applications must be received in the office, addressed to the Alex Award Selection Committee no later than October 15, 2020.

The application should clearly describe why the individual deserves the award, and must be from ESAM members who have worked with the individual. Therefore, the application is based on personal experience, rather than second-hand information. The application can be hand-written or typed and must provide the following information:

- The name of the nominee and a statement that he or she is an ESAM member in good standing
- The dates of the volunteer's service (must have been an active volunteer for a minimum of five years)
- A description of the personal qualities of the individual that demonstrate the characteristics of his or her pursuit of excellence
- A list of the activities in which the individual has been a participant
- A list of the individual's accomplishments supporting the development, operation and enhancement of ESAM and its mission
- The names of at least two ESAM members in good standing who have worked with the individual in an ESAM volunteer setting and who are making the nomination. The application must be signed and dated by the two members making the nomination.

The final choice of the recipient is a difficult one as there always are a number of outstanding representatives of Alex's qualities. We look forward to the challenge and the reward of recognizing another outstanding volunteer. We will make the presentation in person at an appropriate time.

PREVIOUS ALEX AWARD WINNERS

John deNeuville, Fran Miner, Jack Vander Veer, Carl Battaglia, Robert Posson, Dan DeBellis, Al Hulstrunk, Jack Ericson, George Yager, Walter Bardsley, Veronica "Ronnie" Quinn, Wallace Holbrook, Joyce Newkirk, Lawrence McArthur, Mardy Moore, Don Morrett, John Panoski, Dominick Carnibucci, Raymond Davis, Kevin Millington, Frank Hackert, Robert Vore, Chester "Bud" Matthews, Dave Tripp, Lou Bach

**Minutes
ESAM Annual Meeting
October 17, 2019**

After a delicious dinner served at the River Stone Manor in Scotia, President Peter Russo called our annual meeting to order.

Secretary's Report – Marv Weiss presented the minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting. With no comments or corrections, Bud Matthews motioned the minutes be accepted as presented, seconded by Gary Gershon; passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report – Joyce Newkirk provided us with a Statement of Financial Position. A few highlights –

- ◆ This year was very busy with many projects underway –
 - o Credible Sport – nearly completely painted and is prominently located just beyond the airport access gate and visible from Rt. 50.
 - o Harrier – all parts have been relocated to and are stored at our facility.
 - o Concorde – most of the major work has been completed with foundation in place and erection steel purchased.
- ◆ Final payment for architect's fee has been received from the County.
- ◆ All accounts are current, and we have no debt.
- ◆ We have two part-time employees.

Mardy Moore motioned for the Treasurer's Report to be filed for audit and it was seconded by Linda Sheridan; approved.

Education – Kevin Millington provided us with an update of our education activities. With respect to education and outreach activities, we enjoyed our most active and profitable year. Since the last annual meeting a year ago, we conducted thirty-five (35) programs, which brought 1,100 folks to the museum, as well as \$19,000 of income. In addition to guided tours and classes, our largest events were the summer Aviation Camp and the April spring break week. In addition, we participated in numerous school and community events, bringing flight simulators and home-built planes. Most recently, we conducted our first drone training class, with more being planned. We also continued nurturing effective partnerships with area schools, such as SCCC and the Schenectady STEM Alliance.

Over the next year, I hope to continue and grow these efforts – for example, building on the success of the summer week-long Aviation Camp, we'll be conducting a second similar program over the spring break. These programs could not be undertaken without our wonderful volunteers – notable ones are Gary Gershon, Isaiah Gershon and Gary Davis. We'll continue recruiting new folks. Also, the support of the Board of Trustees to these efforts could not be better.

2nd Vice President – Mike Collins

- Coordinated the carnival located on our Rt. 50 area. Carnival was a success and resulted in a \$1000 donation to ESAM.
- Our 35th anniversary was highlighted by musicians recruited from local groups.
- We are including aviation related speakers at our monthly breakfasts. This has enhanced these events and increased attendance.
- Election of officers will occur at the next scheduled Board meeting in November.

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Alex Award – Bud gave a brief history of the Alex Award (the highest honor from ESAM for outstanding service). He then announced Lou Bach as this year’s recipient for his tireless work on the Concorde restoration and relocation of the Memorial Park to its new location.

Final Notes from President Russo –

- Final erection of the Concorde will occur this coming spring. The foundation supports have been poured and are ready for final erection. Although all the components are nearly complete, we decided to have the ‘event’ after everything is 100% complete and the weather is more conducive to an outdoor activity. We plan to start our major fundraising effort with the Concorde as the kickoff venue.
- Our goal is to raise \$500,000 per year over the next few years to bring ESAM up to the designs envisioned by the architectural renderings.
- We have been meeting with the County Manager and County Chairman to discuss the condition of our hangar and leased properties. We are trying to get the County to provide financial assistance/grants to help us upgrade our facility.
- We will also attempt to get bonding which will give us 12 months from acceptance to the first repayment. Our fundraising should be able to cover the bond payments; meanwhile we will be able to show some positive visible results.
- Handed out architectural renderings along with letter to major donors. We intend to make ESAM the most modern air museum in New York State.
- We are unique in that we are the only air museum in NYS which is located on an airport. We will use our location to leverage attendance to our breakfasts and attendance by having pilots “fly in” as a destination.
- Many first-time visitors are impressed with our facility and exhibits. We are considered the best kept secret in the Capital District. We need everyone – all members – to *sell* ESAM.

Speaker – SMS William Gizara, Public Affairs Manager, 109th NY Air National Guard. Tonight is the 20th anniversary of the NYANG’s dramatic rescue of Dr. Jerri Nielsen from the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station in Antarctica. Sergeant Gizara gave a brief history of The Guard, Schenectady County Airport and the ESAM facility interactions. He then showed documentaries of the rescue from the initial diagnosis of breast cancer through the flight off “the ice” and back to the USA.

After some final comments from President Russo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marv Weiss
Secretary – ESAM Board of Trustees

TOWN OF GLENVILLE 200TH ANNIVERSARY

The Empire State Aerosciences Museum is located in the Town of Glenville, New York State. In 2020, Glenville is celebrating the 200th Anniversary of its founding. Although many of the planned activities, including activities at ESAM, have had to be postponed because of the Covid-19 pandemic, **Town Supervisor Chris Koetzle** is developing a set of videos addressing various parts of the town’s history. One of the videos is about the Schenectady County Airport which is located in the Town. On July 27 Supervisor Koetzle came to the museum to video a discussion about major aspects of the airport, including the early years, the military presence over the years, the General Electric test site and the Empire State Aerosciences Museum. The video is planned to be released in September. Keep a look out for it on the Town website. **John Panoski**, **Carl Hackert** and **Major Joe Hathaway** (ret) participated in the discussion with Supervisor Koetzle.



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Peter V. Russo, Sr.

October 1, 2020

1st Vice President
Kevin Millington

Dear ESAM Members and Friends:

2nd Vice President
Michael C. Collins

Once again it is my pleasure to report on the Museum's current financial position. As you all know, this year has been a difficult one for most businesses due to Covid19. ESAM is no different as Covid19 has had a significant impact on our ability to raise money. Closing on March 16, 2020 made it very difficult to raise the funds normally derived from our Education/School Programs, Group Tours, Outreach as well as the funds we receive from Admissions, Gift Shop Sales, Breakfasts, etc. Which, in the past has been 50 to 60% of our annual revenue.

Secretary
Marvin Weiss

Treasurer
Joyce M. Newkirk

I do want to say a special "thank you" to all of our members and friends who during this time have been very generous. Without your support we would not have made it. I also want to thank our members and volunteers for stepping up and helping with our reopening which occurred on August 1st. Although we are not open for the entire week and have to limit our activities, we are enjoying a very busy three days a week

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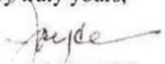
We are currently:

- Completing the final phase of the "Concorde" with hopes to have it erected by the end of October.
- Currently finishing the work needed on YMC-130H Fuselage.
- Completed the restoration of the "Harrier" wings.
- Providing small outdoor educational classes on Saturday's for young aviators. (Classes have been sold out each week)

Overall, the Museum is in good shape. But, we are not out of the woods yet. The main building roof is in dire need of replacement. We are currently trying to secure funds to complete the replacement.

On behalf of the Museum's Board of Directors thank you for your contributions, dedication and continued support.

Very truly yours,


Joyce M. Newkirk
Treasurer

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The detailed financial statement will be available during the Annual Meeting and will be published in the next issue of Aeronotes.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE NOMINEE STEVE BORBEE

Joining the Air Force was something that I wanted to do as a young man. My father was a B-17 bombardier in the European theatre, having survived 35 missions. His handsome face, inspiring words and 'German flak' are able to be seen in Gallery II.

I signed up delayed enlistment For the USAF at age 17. During basic training I volunteered for the Air Force's Combat Control Team. We were rated air traffic controllers on jump and dive status. (Worth a Google).

6 of my 10 years active were spent at a special duty assignment at Pope AFB supporting the Joint Special Operations Command. The small detachment of 18 men grew to become the 24th Special Tactics Squadron. (Certainly worth a trip to the internet to check that one out). One of the high points was the parachute jump onto the Torrijos Tocumen airport in Panama City for Operation Just Cause '89. About a dozen airmen with 900 Rangers secured and controlled the airfield. My partner and I served as the bilingual controllers when the air land operations commenced.

I continued my A.F. career in the NYANG, serving in Civil Engineering and Flight Records, retiring in 2002.

Fellow guardsmen convinced me to take the Trooper exam in '92. Things worked out and I had a successful 20 year career there. I did my time in the trenches, going to calls and writing tickets. But early on I was recruited to the Firearms Training Unit. That led to me being chosen as a police sniper, which I did for 12 years. In 2009 because of actions performed in response to an active shooter I was the co-recipient of the NYSP Brummer award and one of three Troopers awarded the Governor's Medal of Valor.

The same year that I retired from the State Police I started taking flying lessons. My wife had bought me an intro flight for Christmas 2012. She still regrets doing that. In July I had my license. Now what? Get your Instrument Rating. Thanks to the instruction of Mike Collins, got that in '15. Pressed on for my commercial in '18. And in 2019, Richmor was so desperate for instructors, they hired me to become an instructor even before my training began. That has been a very challenging yet rewarding experience.

When COVID simmers down, I hope to continue teaching at the State Preparedness Training Center, another gig I started in '13. I also keep my hands in the firearms business instructing for the primary security guard training company in the area.

Since I've started volunteering, I've learned quite a bit by reading here and there around the museum and of course eavesdropping on the other volunteers. They don't seem to mind. There is a wealth of knowledge that I hope to tap into.

My Dad would say: "If you want something done, ask the busy person. The other people don't have enough time." Even though I'm retired, I am pretty busy. But not so much so that I can't find/make time for such a worthy cause as ESAM.

I respectfully request to make myself available to appointment to the ESAM Board.

(Do I mention my wife and kids now?). Jane, Adele and Michael. They're all amazing, beautiful & hard-working people.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE NOMINEE GARY B. DAVIS

My name is **Gary Davis**. I have been a resident of Scotia for 33 years. I am married and the father of 4 sons. I served in the military for several years. I have had a passion for airplanes and flying from the time I was a boy.

I was a meat manager with the Grand Union Company for over 30 years.

I became a martial arts instructor where I earned a second degree black belt.

I have been volunteering at ESAM for numerous years. During that time I have worked in many parts of the museum. With the Restoration Crew, I have participated in the restoration of the museum's aircraft, including restoration of the Concorde model. One of my most recent projects has been restoring a model biplane that can be used for offsite events. I have worked on the museum's Flight Line providing security for museum events including air shows. I have helped with the museum's education programs, including assisting with ESAM's STEM camps. I volunteer for special events such as Oktoberfest, Carrotfest, movie nights and local parades.

I am at ESAM many days of the week helping out where needed. I carried out the initial recovery work needed after major water leaks and participated in the decision making for long term remediation of the problem. Recently I helped the museum reopen in compliance with New York State Covid-19 requirements. Through my regular presence at the museum I have become knowledgeable about the physical plant at the museum.

I would be pleased to both continue and expand my service to ESAM as a member of the Board of Trustees.

CONTINUING TRUSTEES

The following Trustees are completing their first three-year term in 2020 and are nominated for a second three year term:

Rich Bievenue

Ryan Macherone

The following Trustees are completing a second or subsequent three-year term and are nominated for an additional three-year term:

Gary Gershon

Bud Matthews

Kevin Millington

Linda Sheridan



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, 2020) 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, 2020. Every member as of October 5, 2020 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 your proxy with ESAM, 250 Rudy Chase Drive, Glenville, NY 12302, Attention: Proxy Custodian

PROXY FORM

I _____ a current member of ESAM hereby authorize my proxy to
(please print name)
be voted at the Annual Meeting on October 19, 2020 by:

Please check one:

- () ESAM Proxy Custodian on recommendation of the Board of Directors
() Member designated to represent me

Name of designated member (designated member must attend to vote this proxy)

Proxies will be used to determine a quorum. Members present and planning to vote in person are asked to rescind their proxy before the meeting by registering with the Secretary.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

OUR VOLUNTEERS

GREAT PROGRESS ON THE HUEY RESTORATION

Our restoration crew chief on the UH-1 Huey, **Paul Quantock**, has done an excellent job restoring the Huey interior, with lots of help from the **Lazarus Family** who adopted the Huey through ESAM's Adopt-An-Airplane program. Great job guys!

Looking forward to getting the fresh paint on the exterior next year!



Restored seats in the Huey passenger cabin



The restored instrument panel in ESAM's Huey

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*ESAM Charter Member

THOMAS WALKOWICZ, IN MEMORIAM

Thomas A. Walkowicz passed away on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Tom grew up in Galway, NY joining the U.S. Air Force after Galway High School. He served as a jet engine technician in Africa, Texas and Plattsburg. Upon return from the military he was employed by the Schenectady General Electric Company for 39 years in all aspects of machine repair. Tom was the ultimate handyman. His special rapport with machinery got them to sing to his tune-ups. Adept at chainsaw skills, he created the Charlton bears and Goldilocks on his property to the amusement of passersbys. His skills with wood served well to construct pull toys for his grandsons. He served as a volunteer at Empire State Aerosciences Museum for many years, as well as the yearly Saratoga Dance Flurry, where he enjoyed contra dancing.

Our condolences go out to his wife Lorraine and their family.

DANIEL SLIVA, IN MEMORIAM

Daniel Sliva passed away on June 3, 2020. Dan was a graduate of Wilber Lynch High School in Amsterdam, NY and furthered his education at RPI, obtaining both a B.S., and a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering. Dan retired after a thirty year career in management at General Electric and spent 20 years facilitating the writing of books on chemical process safety as a Fellow for the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Dan was a communicant of Immaculate Conception Church where he served as a Trustee. He also actively volunteered his time with many organizations, serving as President of the Empire State Aerosciences Museum, Treasurer of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association, and served on the boards of Birthright of Schenectady and the Office of the Aging. In addition, he was an Adjunct Professor at Union College and the College of St. Rose.

Our condolences go out to his wife Ann and their family.

DR. PHILLIP KENNICOTT, IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Philip Kennicott passed away in April 2020. Phil worked at GE Corporate Research and Development Center from 1961 to 1989. He then worked at Sandia National Laboratory, New Mexico in information science.

Phil was Co-Director of the ESAM Library and Research Center. In this capacity he took a leading role in developing procedures for the handling of books, photographs, art work, magazines, maps and other archival material. He also wrote the ESAM Report 1 titled Flyingboats in the Western Pacific. The report was based on his experiences as a P5M-2 pilot in the US Navy.

Our condolences go out to Phil's family.

OUR SUPPORTERS

ESAM SPECIAL APPEAL RAISES \$9,520.00

In order to offset financial losses because the museum had to remain closed and had to suspend its programming during the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic, a special fundraising appeal was conducted in May. We are pleased to acknowledge the generosity of the donors who responded to that appeal.

MAY 2020 APPEAL		
Ms. Deborah Beranek	Jessica D. Berman, MD	Mr. Richard Bingham
Mr. Frederic J. Bloomstein	Mrs. Carol Borthwick	Mr. Lawrence Britt
Mr. Lonnie Clar	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cole	Mr. & Mrs. Michael C. Collins
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Wattenberg Family	Mr. Jefferson Wood	Mr. Maurice York

AL HULSTRUNK, IN MEMORIAM

Long time ESAM member and leader, **Al Hulstrunk**, passed away on July 29, 2020. In 1937, 14 year-old Al helped his parents in a glider competition in Shenandoah National Park. In 1944, Al was glider certified and joined the U.S. Army Signal Corps as a Glider Pilot. He received training for Operation Olympic, the invasion of Japan. Al acquired an undergraduate degree in Science Education and graduate degree in Biology in the late 1940's while performing at air shows. Following graduation, he joined an American Geographical Society expedition to the ice fields of Alaska and collected glacial data. He subsequently served as Curator of Science and Staff Astronomer at the Schenectady Museum, Science Supervisor for the Schenectady Public Schools, a Colgate University field investigator in paleobotany, a NASA Spacemobile Lecturer, the Assistant Director and Senior Research Associate at the SUNYA Atmospheric Sciences Research Center and in other scientific positions. He became rated as a single and multi engine pilot, and flight checked in ballooning. As a founding advisor to the new Empire State Aerosciences Museum, he became responsible for the interpretive aspects of information and for hardware, and served as a leader in the acquisition of aircraft. He continued his association with the aerosciences community by joining the Civil Air Patrol in 1986, rising in 1996 to become the Northeast Region Deputy Chief of Staff with the rank of Lt Col. As an artist and illustrator, a part time tinkerer, and a dabbler in mechanics, Al built a car, an airplane, a house, and displayed his artwork on numerous occasions.

Our condolences go out to Al's family.

OUTDOOR AVIATION CLASSES FOR STUDENTS BEING HELD

Thanks to **ESAM Trustee Kevin Millington** the museum has taken its first step toward restoring in-person educational programs with outdoor Saturday classes about the history and physics of aviation. The one and a half hour classes are targeted to students aged 8 to 15 and are limited to a five-person class size. At a cost of \$10 per student, most classes have sold out.

OUR SUPPORTERS

Email received July 8, 2020
Empire State Aerosciences Museum

Thank you for your support of your tour guide Sean Claesgens. Because of his passion for aviation rooted in your museum, I have gained much appreciation for your establishment. This donation is reflection of my admiration toward the museum. I hope this finds you well.

Valencia Gell

Undated note received in September 2020

Enclosed you will find a donation in honor and memory of Dan Sliva for his many years of service as a board member and treasurer of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association.

Regards
The Board and the members of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association

2019 ESAM ANNUAL APPEAL RAISES \$12,145.00

The 2019 ESAM Annual Appeal raised \$12,145. We sincerely thank the following people and organizations that donated this much needed money.

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- ♦ **ESAM Board Member John Panoski** donated Royal Air Force yearbooks for 1994, 1995 and 1996; the July 2010 issue of Aviation History Magazine; the 2005 Northeast Flight program; an Airshow USA book; a World War II Carrier Order of Battle in the Western Pacific; printed material about the F-105; two framed photos of ESAM's F-3D at the Port of Albany; a framed photo of a Blue Angels F-18; a poster about the Parts of an Airplane; a poster about Forces of Flight; and a 2005 ESAM Airshow poster.
- ♦ **Suzanne Killen** donated the military memorabilia of her father Charles Lawrence Cotteral who was a B-24 and B25 bombardier in World War II.
- ♦ On behalf of the **Estate of Robert C. Wells**, **Lynn Ratcliff** donated five boxes of aviation-related books.
- ♦ **Nicholas Solomos** donated various uniform items that he wore when he was a member of the New York Air National Guard.
- ♦ **John Luedert** donated a full-size reproduction of the Vin Fiz aircraft that became the first aircraft to fly coast-to-coast across the U.S. over the span of nearly three months in 1911. The replica retraced the original flight.



Seat & carriage (left) and engine & wing (right) of the Vin Fiz replica

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LIBRARY/RESEARCH CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The ESAM Library/Research Center is looking for new volunteers and leadership. Library volunteers support ESAM's Restoration, Exhibits and Education teams; respond to research inquiries; maintain and manage ESAM's archival and library collections; utilize ESAM's Past Perfect software to document the archival and library collections; help maintain the physical condition of the Research Center; and when possible attend museum-related training opportunities. The ESAM Library/Research Center is normally open Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 9 am and noon. If you are interested in helping out in the ESAM Library, please contact the ESAM Office at 518-377-2191.

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HAPPENINGS AT ESAM

MUSEUM HOURS

Museum: Friday through Sunday 10 am to 4 pm
Jansz Vander Veer Library/Research Center: Friday 9 am to 12 noon & Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

General Museum Admission – \$8 per adult; \$6 per senior and military; \$5 age 6-16;
under 6 free when accompanied by an adult
free admission to active duty military personnel and up to 5 family members
Simulated Reality Vehicle (SRV) – currently not in operation because of Covid-19

October 19, Monday - Virtual Annual Meeting: 7 pm. On Zoom at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85891025453?pwd=d05rdzRENzVST2lIWU45VDN5U1ROZz09>
Meeting ID: 858 9102 5453 Passcode: 044030

November 16, Monday - Board of Trustees Meeting: 7 pm.

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Please check one: NEW MEMBERSHIP _____ RENEWAL _____

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_____ Family \$60

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