

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter December 2016

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<i>Tech Counselors</i>	<i>Dave Pepe, Mark Scott & Mike Zemsta</i>



**Next Event; December 18th, Meriden Airport
Holiday Luncheon, 1-3 pm**



President's Message

This time of year we think about how fortunate we are. Our chapter is very lucky to have the city striving to improve the facilities. This was very evident at the MMK planning meeting I attended last week. Syntec, the consulting engineering group responsible for helping Meriden plan future projects, said they see very few small GA airports with our range of vibrant activities and great relationships with its tenants and organizations. Wilma, Constance, and Kathy deserve a lot of credit for all they have done and continue to do for the airport. And all of you in the Chapter who contribute to Young Eagles Rallies, Teens to flight, airport maintenance, and overall friendship towards the airport deserve credit too. It is these kinds of activities that make everyone connected to the airport want to improve it. Let's keep the virtuous circle going! Keep it sustained by coming to the Airport Luncheon on December 18th, 1-3pm. This will be in place of our December meeting.

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November Meeting Minutes

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10:05. Officers present were Vice President Steve Fraas and Secretary Rick Beebe. Treasurer Bill Jagoda came late. There were 26 attendees.

Visitors:

Dave Rich is a new EAA member from Glastonbury. He's looking to build a plane. Drew Pawlek brought his son William to the meeting. We gave William a Young Eagles shirt. Andy Zinc is an aviation photographer and is building a mini-coupe. He took a lot of photos at our last Young Eagle rally. Davin Ware is a recent graduate of the A&P school in Brainard. He's visiting all the EAA Chapters in the state.

Tech Counselors:

Mike Zemsta reports that the RV-7 is coming along well. It should be ready for first flight in the Spring. Dave Pepe did his annual condition inspection on his RV-6.

Rick Beebe reported on the EAA Board meeting last week. EAA is doing reasonably well financially. We broke 200,000 members recently. They're currently restoring a B-25 which should be ready to join the B-17 and Ford Tri-motors in giving rides in Spring of 2018.

Young Eagles.

We've flown 121 total so far this year. There are still unflown kids from the Halloween party. Their Young Eagle forms are in the drawer by the computer. Pick one up and make arrangements to fly some more kids.

Teens to flight.

The fuselage is very close to complete. They installed one of the wings this weekend. It took a lot of hand filing to tweak the fit perfectly but they did it. They're going to try to get the second wing mounted tomorrow. The finishing kit is here and they're just starting to get into those parts. There is a "donate" button on our website and Mark set up a GoFundMe site. Spread the word about it.

Jim Simmons reported on the progress on the Jobe Rogers Michael Jackson tribute show. The profits will be going to the Teens to Flight. It will be April 22 from 8-10 at the Lincoln Middle School in Meriden.

We have 2017 EAA calendars for sale for \$8 each.

We'll have a pot-luck luncheon in cooperation with the FBO instead of a December meeting. December 18 from 2-5.

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The MMK fly-in has been rescheduled for May 13, 2017.

Our holiday banquet will be on January 7, 2017 at the Manor Inn. Dinner choices need to be made soon.

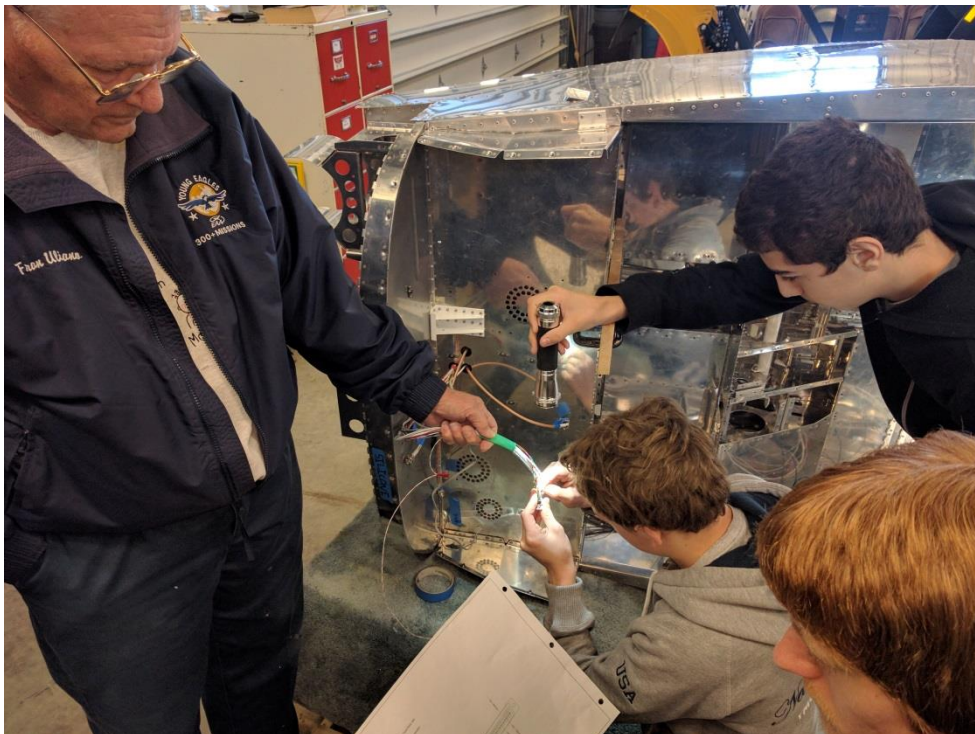
Treasurer's report: \$2543.09. We've raised almost \$700 at our Young Eagle rallies and Terese Valenti has been a huge help.

Drew Pawlak gave a great presentation on buying and flying his Revo Trike. He talked about the differences between ultralights, light sport and GA aviation. His presentation was illustrated with some wonderful photos taken in flight.

--Rick Beebe, secretary

Teens to Flight Update

Things are moving along well. We have finished up almost all the fuselage structure. We are now working on wiring. The fuselage was rolled on its side for much easier access. Our las session was not as productive as usual. The finishing kit has MANY parts. We have completely filled the storage bins which caused us to place a lot of parts in unmarked bags and other containers. We spent too much time looking for parts. If anyone can donate a large storage bin of some sort for nuts, bolts, and other stuff please let us know.



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Our GoFundme campaign has only raised \$495 so far. Please encourage friends and family to donate to our cause. We need well over \$40K to finish the project. Our chapter can receive donations electronically through the chapter web site PayPal button and the GoFundMe.com campaign web page.

<https://www.gofundme.com/teens-can-build-an-airplane?ssid=796708607&pos=11>

Other News

The airport received a huge 8 ft wreath from Casertano's Greenhouse & Farms which now hangs on the snow plow/RV-12 project building. If you get a chance e-mail John Casertano at Sales@casertanosfarms.com and thank him for the gift. It looks really good out there.

The new winter FBO office hours are from 9AM-4PM Sunday thru Thursday and 9AM-5PM Friday & Saturday.



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We are still looking for an editor. I am not a wiz at MSWord so for now the newsletter format will be simple.

Next spring I will be testing my Bearhawk with the rear doors removed for aerial photography. Andy Zink wants to do some air-to air shoots. Talk to me in the spring time if you want to get some shots of your plane.

Our holiday banquet is coming up fast.

See the meal and other information at the end of this newsletter.

Classifieds

700x6 Air Hawk tires and inner tubes in very good condition. These came off my plane when I replaced them with larger tires. Asking \$150. Contact Mark Scott (mwscott2@comcast.net)

Whelen Strobe System & Wing Tip Navigation Lights (\$1000 obo)

Power Supply Whelen Model = HDACF (Priced on ACS for \$420)

<http://www.aircraftspruce.com/catalog/elpages/whelenpowersupplies.php?clickkey=13887>

Wing Tip Position Light (Red Model = A600-PR-14V) (Priced on ACS for \$484)

Wing Tip Position Light (Green Model = A600-PG-14V) (Priced on ACS for \$484)

Complete kit is \$1362 on ACS

Details on ACS here for the full kit:

<http://www.aircraftspruce.com/catalog/elpages/whelena600strobe.php>

I'll include the wiring instructions / manuals booklet and connectors. You'll just need to buy wire and pins to make the system work.

Contact Rick Beebe, rick@beebe.org or 203-623-3744

EAA CHAPTER 27 HOLIDAY BANQUET

Saturday, January 7, 2017

MANOR INN RESTAURANT

1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike

Plantsville, CT 06479

860-628-9877

Directions at: www.manorinnrestaurant.com and click on "about"

5-6 PM Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres

6 PM Dinner

ALL MEAL SELECTIONS INCLUDE FRUIT CUP, TOSSED SALAD, PASTA AND DESSERT

Prime Rib au jus.....\$40

Chicken Parmigiana.....\$35

Salmon with Apricot Glaze.....\$35

Eggplant Parmigiana.....\$35

Please be sure to bring a grab bag gift for each guest

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2017 Holiday Banquet

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Entrée Selection(s): indicate quantity

- Prime Rib au jus.....\$40

- Chicken Parmigiana.....\$35

- Broiled Salmon.....\$35

- Eggplant Parmigiana.....\$35

Please enclose check for your total amount, make check payable to:

‘EAA Chapter 27’ and forward along with this form to:

Bill Jagoda

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