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Next Event; Chapter Meeting January 15th Meriden Airport, 10am

President's Message

Well the weather had perfectly bad timing for our holiday dinner. The forecast was only 1-3 inches the night before. Unfortunately it was about double that and peaked right at our start time. We had 19 members attend and it was still a good time. The food and service was very good. We plan on using the same facility next year. People who could not attend will be paid back for their meal selection. Officers and contributors were recognized with service awards as we have done in the past. The president's award went to four people this year, Steve Fraas, Fran Uliano, Randy Seeber, and Roy Stout. Ever since the beginning of the Teens to Flight program they have each been at least 90% of the build sessions. Without their dedication the program would not be going as well as it is. Steve, Fran, and Randy have also participated in most if not all of the Young Eagle and related kids events. Roy has been a great help as our school liaison and graphics "go to" guy. Please congratulate each of them for their contributions to the chapter.

We did not conduct the raffle because not all tickets were returned to me. Bring your tickets to the meeting or drop them off at the airport before Sunday. We need to conduct the raffle as soon as possible.

The FAA announced its new medical certification rules Jan 10th. A copy of the rules summary is at the end of the newsletter. It affects all of us. Please become familiar with the new rules. Hopefully it will

make recertification easier for all of us. If you know any dormant pilots who may be able to get back flying because of the changes let them know.

December Meeting Minutes

There was no formal meeting in December. Instead we had our combined EAA chapter-Meriden airport annual Christmas open house at the airport December 18th. It was a lot of fun and well attended by EAA Chapter and CAP members.

Teens to Flight Update

The wiring continues. Sometimes the interior looks like a bowl of spaghetti but it is slowly getting more organized. Roy Stout made up some cardboard hang boards for our many small packages of parts. It is much easier to find stuff now. Stop by and take a look sometime.

There is an issue with the GoFundme web site. Donations are no longer being accepted. They say we need to change to a different account because we are a charity. Mark is looking into this now.

We did not conduct the New England Air Museum Tour raffle at the holiday dinner because not all the tickets and money was returned. The plan is it to get all the tickets in by next meeting and conduct the drawing then.



Other News

The FAA has issued a rule regarding new third class medical certification requirements. Below is a partial reprint from AeroNews Network which received their information from the FAA;

Until now, the FAA has required private, recreational, and student pilots, as well as flight instructors, to meet the requirements of and hold a third class medical certificate. They are required to complete an online application and undergo a physical examination with an FAA-designated Aviation Medical Examiner. A medical certificate is valid for five years for pilots under age 40 and two years for pilots age 40 and over.

Beginning on May 1, pilots may take advantage of the regulatory relief in the BasicMed rule or opt to continue to use their FAA medical certificate. Under BasicMed, a pilot will be required to complete a medical education course, undergo a medical examination every four years, and comply with aircraft and operating restrictions. For example, pilots using BasicMed cannot operate an aircraft with more than six people onboard and the aircraft must not weigh more than 6,000 pounds.

A pilot flying under the BasicMed rule must:

- *possess a valid driver's license;*
- *have held a medical certificate at any time after July 15, 2006;*
- *have not had the most recently held medical certificate revoked, suspended, or withdrawn;*
- *have not had the most recent application for airman medical certification completed and denied;*
- *have taken a medical education course within the past 24 calendar months;*
- *have completed a comprehensive medical examination with a physician within the past 48 months;*
- *be under the care of a physician for certain medical conditions;*
- *have been found eligible for special issuance of a medical certificate for certain specified mental health, neurological, or cardiovascular conditions, when applicable;*
- *consent to a National Driver Register check;*
- *fly only certain small aircraft, at a limited altitude and speed, and only within the United States;*
and
- *not fly for compensation or hire.*

The July 15, 2016 FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016 directed the FAA to issue or revise regulations by January 10, 2017, to ensure that an individual may operate as pilot in command of a certain aircraft without having to undergo the medical certification process under Part 67 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, if the pilot and aircraft meet certain prescribed conditions outlined in the Act.

(Source: FAA news release)

FMI: [Final Rule](#)

We have a candidate for the EAA air academy. He will be interviewed after the meeting on the 15th. He has taken several Young Eagle flights with members. By all accounts he appears to be enthusiastic about aviation and a good candidate.

Member Scott Olf will be taking an RV-10 empennage building class at Synergy Air in April in anticipation of starting his full project shortly thereafter. Congratulations on the start of your adventure!

Mark Scott flew into Block Island Dec 23rd. If you have not been to Block Island in a while you should stop in. The main terminal and Bethany Diner have been rebuilt. The walls of each are covered in all kinds of interesting aviation pictures.



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

AOPA has announced their fly-in schedule for 2017. They will be in Groton CT Oct 6-7. They put on a good display and forum. Hopefully a lot of our members will go.

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

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.

Carpet

Mark Scott has a gray carpet good for a basement or similar use. It would also be very good for wing cradles or some other protection. Free, just come pick it up. It is 12 x 15 with a very short nap. It has a little bit of staining on one edge

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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

Electrical Stuff

- Circuit breakers - \$1.00 each
- Switches - \$2.00 each
- Gascolator (new) - \$5.00
- Fuel valve (new) - \$5.00

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