President Mark Scott Vice President Steve Fraas Secretary **Rick Beebe** Bill Jagoda Treasurer Newsletter Editor Joe Bogacki Membership **Bob Spaulding** Young Eagles Brian Rechtien



Tech Counselors Dave Pepe, Mark Scott & Mike Zemsta

Our Web Site: www.eaa27.org

January 21st Meeting Presentation

Andy Robert's Glastar Purchase Adventure

Andy recently purchased a Glastar in Seattle. Come hear about how he did it and his challenging 10 day trip home having never flown across the US and Rocky Mountains before.



President's Message

I hope everyone had a great holiday. Our annual Chapter holiday dinner was great fun. We had good attendance, great conversation, and wonderful food. As I put together my annual yearend review I was struck by how many things we did this year. Brian Rechtiene did another great job this year with a total of 108 Young Eagle flights. The Teens to Flight program continues to make steady progress to a flight sometime mid-2018. We had presentations at every meeting, a very well attended picnic, a successful plane wash, and good chapter participation in both the MMK fly in and Halloween party. Of course the big success this year was the Joby Rogers benefit show where we raised over \$7500 for the teens to flight program. It is all made possible by you the chapter members. We are picking up new members and airplanes in the chapter too. Thank you everyone for making it a fun and enjoyable year.

EAA Meeting Minutes - no December meeting

Young Eagles

Exploring Young Eagle candidates for Air Academy 2018 - any suggestions contact Mark Scott.

Chapter 27 and MMK Airport Activities

MMK:

The tree line on the west side of the airport is in the process of being removed. The FAA requires all trees that penetrate a primary surface area of 250' from runway centerline to be removed. The airport management expects the work to be completed by the end of January. Funding for the project is provided by the FAA. The airport engineer is on site daily with contractor Stantec.

A NOTAM is active for work in progress 01/08-1/26 from Monday - Friday 7a.m. - 4p.m. daily. All equipment is flagged. If you have any questions, please contact Constance-Castillo, Airport Manager 203-630-2878

Teens to Flight RV-12 Build Program

Getting Closer! The cowl is fitted and final riveting of the piano hinge cowl connectors is underway. We just finished painting some of the interior a couple weeks ago. This allows us to finally install the fuel tank and associated plumbing. We still have to fit the propeller and canopy. After that it is a lot of sundry items.

I had a particularly satisfying event last week. I wrote a college letter of recommendation for Tyler Stout, one of the first kids in the program. He is applying to engineering school soon and I am sure admissions officers will take notice of his participation in our project. I am really looking forward to hearing feedback from Tyler on what colleges have to say about his accomplishments with us. I hope to write more letters in the near future for our other regular participants.



Regional Activities

Chapter 1310 Meetings - 2nd Wednesday 7 PM April-October 2nd Saturday 10 AM November, January, February, March at Skylark Airport Chapter 166 Meetings - Last Saturday of month 10:00 AM (Except July, Nov & Dec) at Hartford Jet Center, 20 Lindberg Drive, Hartford. http://166.eaachapter.org/ Chapter 27 Meetings - 3rd Sunday of month, 10 AM at Meriden Airport http:// eaa27.org/ Chapter 324 Meetings 1st Wednesday of month, 7 PM Simsbury Airport https://www.facebook.com/eaa324/

Other Aviation Events

April 10 - 15 Sun'n Fun Fly-In, Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, Lakeland, FL https://www.flysnf.org/ USAF Thunderbirds, DH-115 Vampire "Selene", MIG-17F - Randy Ball, AeroShell Aerobatic Team, Team Aerostars, Dan Marcotte Ultimate Biplane, Mike Goulian Extra 330SC June 9 - 10 Rhode Island Open House and Air Show, Quonset State Airport, North Kingston, RI **USN Blue Angels** https:/www.rhodeislandairshow.com/ June 9 - 10 Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Rhinebeck, NY Opening weekend http://www.oldrhinebeck.org July 14-15 Galaxy Community Council Great New England Air Show Featuring the USAF Thunderbirds, Westover ARB, Chicopee, MA http://www.greatnewenglandairshow.com/ July 23 - 29 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh, WI www.airventure.org August 25 Plymouth Air Show, Plymouth Municipal Airport, Plymouth, MA http://www.plymouthairshow.com/ September 15 - 16 New York Air Show, Stewart International Airport, Newburgh, NY **USAF** Thunderbirds

New England Air Museum <<u>http://www.neam.org</u>>

New England Air Museum Announces February School Vacation Activities





WINDSOR LOCKS, CT

February School Vacation Week Activities at New England Air Museum

Let your imagination soar at the New England Air Museum this holiday season! The museum is offering an exciting array of family fun activities during February School Vacation Week, Monday February 19th through Friday February 23rd. Explore three giant exhibit hangars filled with over sixty historic aircraft, and experience the wonders of flight through hands-on activities including daily hands-on Build & Fly Challenges, interactive Flight Science Demonstrations, computerized Flight Simulators, and Open Cockpit Experiences in historic aircraft. Visitors can also take to the skies at the museum's Virtual Flight Center using advanced, three screen yoke and pedal flight simulators. The Virtual Flight Center is open to visitors ages 10 and older and a \$5.00 fee person fee applies for a 30 minute flight. In addition to these daily activities, the following special events are being scheduled. Visit our website for updated information.

In addition to these daily activities, the following special events are scheduled:

Monday, February 19: Balsa Wood Airplane Workshop

Build and fly a balsa wood model airplane with our expert aeromodelers! This workshop is for children ages 3 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult, and there is a \$5.00 cost per model kit.

Tuesday, February 20: LEGO Flying Machine Contest

Children ages 3-13 can construct flying machines using the Museum's collection of LE-GOs. Winners will be awarded prizes in three age categories, and participants need not be present to win.

Wednesday, February 21: Parachute Drop

Learn the science of parachutes while building and launching a weight bearing parachute.

Thursday, February 22: Frisbee Fun

Discover the similarities between frisbees and airplane wings and create a paper plate frisbee to take home.

Friday, February 23: Straw Rocket Launch

Are you a rocket scientist? Test your skills by building and launching a straw rocket. How far will your rocket fly?

Classifieds

<u>700x6 Air Hawk tires and inner tubes</u> in very good condition. These came off my plane when I replaced them with larger tires. Asking \$150.

B&C L60 Alternator. Only 250 hrs of use. Works great. I changed it out to a lighter unit because I was only using a fraction of the capacity. It comes with brackets, bolts, and a belt. \$350.

Saf-Air oil quick drain fitting for Continental engines. Proceeds go to the Teens to Flight program. \$50

<u>Whelen Strobe System & Wing Tip Navigation Lights</u> (\$1000 obo) Power Supply Whelen Model = HDACF (Priced on ACS for \$420) <u>http://www.aircraftspruce.com/catalog/elpages/whelenpowersupplies.php?</u> <u>clickkey=13887</u>

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: <u>http://www.aircraftspruce.com/catalog/elpages/</u> 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.

4' x 6'-10" .032 2024-T3 aluminum sheet. \$50 (\$85 at Aircraft Spruce)

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