

# ***EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter November 2016***

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## **Next Meeting November 20th, 10am, Meriden Airport**

The November meeting presentation will be by new member Drew Pawlak about his Revo Trike pictured below. Drew is an active flyer and will soon have his LSA instructor's license.



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## **President's Message**

The chapter has been busy this month. The Meriden Airport Halloween party was a success. A good crown of parents and kids attended and enjoyed the activities. Our offer to do Young Eagle flights was overwhelmed. We registered almost 40 kids! Unfortunately or fortunately depending on how you think about, it we only flew 12 before the rain came. If the weather had remained good we would have been there a long time flying kids.

Many of them signed up for our rally on the following Sunday. That rally went very well with 26 kids flown. We have flown 119 for the year.

Congratulations to all making our annual 100 flight goal. Brian is doing a great job as our new coordinator and Traci has got the whole sign up process working well. Clearly they have learned well from Fran and Barbara!

On a more global note regarding things going well, it is terrific seeing everyone chipping it at our events. When I arrived at the Young Eagle events the ropes were set up, tables in place, forms and pilots are ready, the food is out for sale, and the grill is ready to go. You all are making my job easy!



## **October Meeting Minutes**

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Officers present were Vice President Steve Fraas, and Secretary Rick Beebe. Treasurer Bill Jagoda arrived later in the meeting. There were 16 attendees.

The plane wash raised a little over \$1000 for the Teens to Flight program. We sold food at the Young Eagle rally yesterday and raised another \$180.

### **Tech Counselor**

Mike Zemsta reports that the Bristol RV-7 project is moving along. They put the wings on and started the engine which generates enthusiasm to keep the project going. Dave Pepe just wanted to report that Desser Monster Retreads have given him excellent service. Rick Beebe showed off a Handee Clamp

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which was profiled in the latest "Sport Aviation". It's great for holding bolts in hard to reach places or holding adel clamps as well.

### Young Eagles

We had a rally yesterday. We flew 35 kids yesterday. The weather was amazing. We've flown 64 so far this year. Brian reminded us to send copies of YE forms to him if you fly kids on your own. We'll have raffle tickets at the MMK fly-in and a sign-up sheet to fly more kids again on November 5. The photo printer broke so we need funds to replace it.

### Teens to Flight

There's only one large piece of sheet metal to go. The next box of parts is coming this week. Attendance is down a little bit and the search is on for more kids. The donated champ is still in Simsbury. It looks like the engine needs to be taken apart to find the cause of the low oil pressure. Mark has arranged a new raffle for an exclusive private tour at the New England Air Museum inside the B-29 bomber and VS-44 flying boat. The tickets are \$10 each. The winner will be drawn in January at our holiday banquet. Contact Mark Scott to get tickets to sell.

### Old and New Business

Joby Rogers is a world-wide known Michael Jackson impersonator who's son is part of the Teens to Flight project. He has volunteered to put on a show where all the profits will go to the Teens to Flight program. Jim Simmons is organizing the show. It will be on April 15, 2017 from 8-10. He's looking for help on the committee to help organize this.

Greg Prentiss is the new local DAR, replacing Joe Gauthier. He's giving a presentation on October 29 at CREC Academy where Steve Socolosky teaches. There's an open house from 9-12 on that day.

Anna Schmitt is a young woman from Hartford. She goes to the aviation high school the Steve Socolosky teaches at and has stepped up to lead their RV-12 build project. Our Chapter teamed up with Chapters 166 and 1310 to help send her to the air academy in Oshkosh this past summer. She gave a presentation on her experience. As part of the program she made a wood plane rib, a fiberglass clipboard, a welded steel box and a riveted aluminum spark plug holder. The craftsmanship on all was excellent.

Steve gave us an update on Cullen Slocum who is now a pilot for ExpressJet flying an Embreair 145 regional jet and having a great time!

--Rick Beebe, Secretary

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## **Teens to Flight Update**

The finishing kit arrived. We are just finishing up the last few fuselage items before we start on the fuel system, controls, canopy, and landing gear. The next big task is a wing trial fit. That will be exciting. We are meeting Sundays 9-12, Mondays 6-8.

We continue to look for means to raise donations for the project. Please pick up your raffle tickets at the FBO. Our big fundraising event is the Joby Rogers show in April. If interested in participating please meet with Jim Simmons after the meeting on the 20th to get a job.

Terese, mother of Mike, one of our enthusiastic Teens to Flight kids, has been doing a great job selling food at our events. All tolled she has raised over \$600 so far. What a great addition to our events.

The chapter web site now has a PayPal button to accept chapter donations. We also now have a GoFundMe.com campaign set up. See the link below. It is a great way for donors to make

donations easily but the key is to get exposure. That is all of our responsibility. Get the word out!



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

## **Other News**

I have taken over the newsletter job for now. We are again looking for an editor. I am not a wiz at MSWord so for now the newsletter format will be simple.

I'm sorry to report a former Chapter 27 member, Jerry Bass, passed away on Oct. 14th. We received a notice from his wife Margaret. He had been struggling with ALS for some time. The obituary can be found at: [www.henryfuneralhome.net](http://www.henryfuneralhome.net).

## **Our holiday banquet is coming up fast.**

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

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**We have two press releases from the New England Air Museum**

**Ring in the holiday season at the New England Air Museum**

The New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, Conn. will hold its annual Santa Claus Visit & Behind the Scenes Tours special event on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the day after Thanksgiving. Santa Claus will meet with children in a Sikorsky helicopter between 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Photos are encouraged, and Santa will distribute a special gift to each child. Children and families will also have the opportunity to create holiday cards for members of the U.S. military. All cards will be distributed to active military servicemen and women stationed overseas during the holiday season. Additional family fun activities include hands-on Build & Fly Challenges, Aircraft Quest Scavenger Hunts, and computerized Flight Simulators.

The museum will also offer special "Behind the Scenes" tours of the Restoration Facility that day, giving visitors the rare opportunity to take a close-up look at current aircraft restoration projects. The Douglas DC-3 passenger aircraft, the wide bodied Burnelli CBY-3 Loadmaster, and vintage aircraft engines will be among the restoration projects on display.





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### **Sikorsky Skycrane on the Move      (This is a cool helicopter! Mark)**

The New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks has completed the restoration of the Sikorsky S-64 Skycrane, one of the largest and most versatile heavy-lift helicopters ever built. Designed and constructed in Connecticut, the S-64 served in Vietnam transporting troops, equipment and mobile field hospital pods. Today these mammoth veterans continue to serve as firefighting and heavy-lift platforms. NEAM's Skycrane served with the Connecticut Army National Guard at Bradley International Airport. Looking like something out of Star Wars the massive chopper was moved from the Museum's

Restoration Hangar into the Military Exhibit Hangar on November 8<sup>th</sup> where it will be on display throughout the winter. Soon visitors will be able to experience a virtual flight over the airport with the S-64's universal transport pod designed to carry 30 troops. It is also rumored that the Skycrane will transport Santa into the Museum on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information visit [neam.org](http://neam.org)



# ***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](http://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**

**2017 Holiday Banquet**

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**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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