

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter September 2025

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**Next Meeting Saturday September 20th,
Chapter Picnic 11-2 pm**



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President's Message

Our next meeting is our chapter picnic which is always a good time. Bring your favorite pot luck dish or dessert. The chapter will provide hot dogs, burgers, and corn. We will have some planes on display.

Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2025

At the New England Air Museum

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10:05 in the Conference Room at the New England Air Museum. Other officers present were James Calver, Vice President; Bill Jagoda, Treasurer. 24 members attended and we welcomed one new member Brian.

The Treasurer's report was delivered by Bill Jagoda. He reported a current balance of \$2,978. He commented that the Chapter CD renews in September and a decision to renew it is pending.

During technical project updates Mr. Ruiz indicated that his engine is installed and that avionics have arrived and are awaiting install. James Calver reported on a "very readable and informative" book he purchased at AirVenture: Mike Busch's, "Engines". The book is described as, "What every aircraft owner needs to know about the design, operation, condition monitoring, maintenance and troubleshooting of piston aircraft engines". James also called out a recent article in Flying magazine on piloting the Concorde simulator. Concorde is described as like flying a, "100-person fighter jet". <https://www.flyingmag.com/flying-concorde-sim-a-pilots-perspective-from-the-edge-of-space>

Youth programs were reviewed, including preparations for the upcoming Young Eagles Rally scheduled for October 18. Tom Spitler is no longer able to coordinate the Ray Scholarship program and temporarily, Donna and Mark are acting coordinators while a new person to lead the program is found. Ethan Simpson, attending with his father, was announced as the newly selected Ray Scholar, subject to final approvals.

Mark reported that the Sonex build has started and the team is 'making chips'. The build group meets on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings.

The Ray foundation grant remains uncertain due to incomplete implementation of the AOPA course. Efforts continue to generate greater participation from Meriden schools in the AOPA curriculum although responses have been mixed.

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Ray Aviation Scholarship

Our 2025 Ray Scholar is Ethan Simpson. I'm sure you have seen him at our meetings and other functions. He wrote a very good application and presented himself very well at the interview. He will be training with the Meriden Civil Air Patrol like Anthony did.

Ray Aviation Scholar 2025

Thank you so much to the chapter for your continued support! Over the past month, I received my FAA part 107 I've also been focusing on Scheduling my third class medical certificate. In the next month, I plan to start officially taking my flight lessons and studying for the tests. I really appreciate the encouragement from the chapter as I work toward these goals.

Ethan Simpson
Ray Aviation Scholarship Recipient 2025

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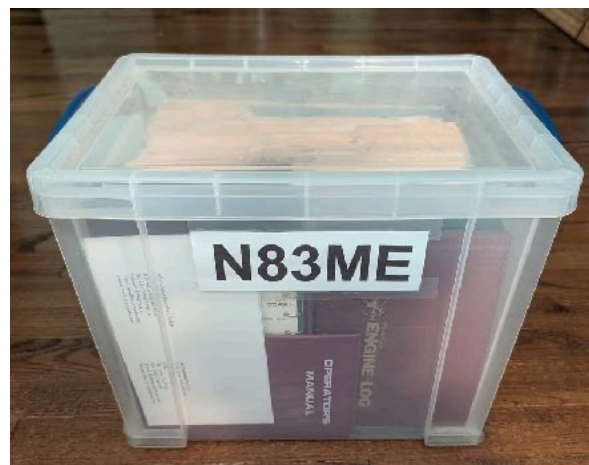
Youth Aviation Center

We are starting to get used to reading the plans and understand the overall fuselage structure. The turtleneck is in place and we are drilling the pilot holes. The kids are developing strong hand muscles from all the cleco work!



Tech Tip

Have you ever been frustrated looking for airplane paperwork and not finding it. A simple solution is to get a plastic file box for all your documents and log books. I separate documents into manila folders by categories, i.e. engine, electrical, registration, etc. You can take the box with you to the airport too which is very convenient. When you sell your plane prospective buyers will be impressed by your organization which will help your sale.



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Tetrahedron Repair

We have the tetrahedron repaired, scraped, and painted. The picture below was before painting. We are waiting on clear-coat paint which should be in soon. If all goes well it should be reinstalled in a couple weeks. We will be getting a new set of EAA letters. Doug Dringoli fabricated a much stronger mount. Hopefully it will not fall over again!



MMK New Hangars

The concrete slab for the new South hangars is complete. The building will not be constructed until late summer due to material delivery delays.

CT: MOUNT TOBE WORK PARTY

Sep 20, 2025 9:00AM—Sep 21, 2025 2:00PM

Volunteers are needed for a work party scheduled on September 20-21st at Mount Tobe (N41) in Connecticut. We'll be constructing a wood shed for the fire pit, cutting and splitting a large pile of firewood, doing general campground cleanup, and miscellaneous other tasks.

Please plan on wearing work clothing and gloves and bringing bug spray; if you are able, bring basic construction tools (hammer, screw gun, saws, chainsaws, and shovels).

Camping is optional the night prior and night of the event. The work party will start at 9:00am and run until about 2:00pm each day. The bulk of the work is planned for Saturday, with the remainder being finished up on Sunday if needed. We may finish early. A BBQ lunch and water will be provided.

Please [RSVP here](#)

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The Annual Run the Runway race is set for October 4th. This is a great community event. It rained really hard last year and it was still well attended. We will have a few planes out for display.



RUN THE RUNWAY

5k & Kids Fun Run



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2025
Meriden Markham Municipal Airport
Fundraiser for Girls Inc.

Race Registration:
\$25 - Until 8/31
\$30 - 9/1 - 9/28
\$35 - 9/29 - 10/3
\$40 - Race Day
(Kids Fun Run is Free)



Race Day Schedule
7:45am - Race Day Check-In Begins
8:45am - Kids Fun Run
9:00am - Run the Runway 5k
Awards to Conclude!

Book Your Race Today!





This flat & fast 5k travels the runway and the beautiful South Meriden neighborhood!



runsignup.com/Race/CT/Meriden/MeridenRunTheRunway5K

SPONSORSHIP & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!
For more information, please contact:
Meridenrunning@gmail.com

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Chapter 27 Young Eagles Rally

The rally is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th from 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. with the rain date the following day on Sunday.

Please contact Donna Shea shea.donna@ymail.com if your interested in helping.

Up Coming Fly-in Events

October 11 - Chapter 968 Leaf-Peeper Fly-In Breakfast

November 8 - Chapter 1310 Pancake Breakfast

Regional Meetings

Check chapter websites for meeting status

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 HFD Hangar 1 EAA Classroom, 20 Lindberg Drive, Hartford. <http://eaa166.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/> <https://chapters.eaa.org/EAA324>

Chapter 324 VMC Club Simsbury Airport CT 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm
Laura Doherty | laurado@sas.upenn.edu - EAA.org/VMC

Chapter 1620 Meetings 1st Wednesday of month, 7:30 PM Barnes Airport Hangar 3, 111 Airport Rd. Westfield, MA. 01085 <https://www.facebook.com/eaa.org/>

Classifieds

MANY structural pull rivets left over from the RV-12 build. They are 1/8 dia, Gesipa LP4-3 with .093-.197 grip. \$5 for a 1/2 lb bag or about 200 rivets. That is about 80% less than similar Q rivets from Aircraft Spruce.

Contact Mark Scott (203-988-3197)

EAA Chapter 613 Is Selling Two Aircraft

For Sale: Van's RV-4 Aircraft: Complete air-frame ready for your customization: Select your engine/prop combo, layout your dream panel & design the ultimate paint scheme! It's a quality build with primed interior, all controls "fit", all the LED lighting installed, cockpit painted, canopy fit, electric pitch & roll trim installed, dual controls w/front the master cylinders installed. Includes: cowling, fairings, spinner etc. Project is way past Van's actual "quick build" stage. Obviously, NO LASER cut parts. Many people consider "the 4" as ultimate Van's performance! Asking: \$20K. More info please contact: Tony Speranza: cell/text (802) 598-7160 or eMail: asperanz@yahoo.com. Located Burlington, VT 05401 USA

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For Sale: VP-2. Two seat Volksplane. Very nice build with low hours (~8TT, test flights only), always hangared, Powerful & reliable RevMaster engine: 2100D w/dual ignition. Cool Blue Max paint scheme, Cleveland wheels/brakes. It flies NICE with “STOL like” performance. You can build Tail Wheel flight time for ~\$20/hour! Will require an A&P to perform “condition inspection”. Asking \$10K. Need hangar space back so might trade for the right pick-up truck? Located KFSO (Vermont). Contact: Tony Speranza cell/text: (802) 598-7160 or eMail: asperanz@yahoo.com or <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea613>



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For Sale by Owner/Builder

1997 Zenith Zodiac CH601-HDS. Rotax 912UL 80hp, Warp Drive Prop, 525hrs A&E.

Transponder w/Alt encoder, Intercom, integrated ICOM Transceiver, strobes, LED Nav & Landing lights.

Fuselage paint 8/wing paint 5. Zinc Chromate applied to all internal surfaces during assembly. Canopy plexiglass in perfect condition.

Full fuselage always covered when at airport.

Slight hail damage to right side of rudder and rear fuselage.

78/78/79/78 compression at last inspection in spring of 2023. Has only been run only on 92 octane auto fuel.

Complied with all Rotax engine serial number specific service bulletins and service instructions. Inspection for TBO extension to 1200 hrs. completed by Rotax authorized service center.

Aircraft stored annually in climate-controlled basement during cold weather months.

Last flown November 2023. Stored in basement with wings removed since last flight.

Detailed A&E logbook and build documentation. Can provide logbooks for review via E-Mail.

Wings and rudder can be installed and the engine can be run in the driveway for inspection purposes.

Asking \$22,000 Located in Orange, Connecticut.

Also available, customized ATV trailer and wing rack for transportation. \$1,500

Medical restrictions prompting sale.

Contact Info.

Wayne Beattie (203) 732-1757

waynebeattie@optonline.net



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EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Join and pay online with PayPal at EAA27.org/Join

or

Please fill in the following information and mail with your dues to:
EAA Chapter 27, c/o Bill Jagoda, 43 Derby Road, Rockfall, CT 06481
Annual dues are \$20.00 per year. Make checks payable to *EAA Chapter 27*

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