

- President** **Mark Scott**
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- Secretary** **Rick Beebe**
- Treasurer** **Bill Jagoda**
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- Membership** **Bob Spaulding**
- Young Eagles** **Brian Rechiene**
- Tech Counselors** **Dave Pepe, Mark Scott & Mike Zemsta**



Our Web Site: www.eaa27.org

Next Airport Events;
Chapter Meeting April 9th 10am

One Week Early due to Easter!

April Presentation: Come join Teresa Camp and Denise Robinson as they share their adventures from last years' Air Race Classic. The race was a VFR, 2700 mile, 4 day cross-country event from Prescott, AZ to Daytona Beach, FL.

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Classic 48

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President's Message

I heard a rumor that spring is coming. I hope so. The weather has been pretty awful this month. It is time to get back in the air on a more regular basis. I look forward to all our warm weather chapter activities.

On a serious legislative note, we need to protect our ability to fly nearly anywhere we choose with no fees. The latest government budget makes a strong case for ATC privatization. At a minimum this inevitably means fees for services and at the extreme a curtailment of our flying freedoms. The latter can happen quite easily if the new private organization is run by the airlines as it is proposed now. See the statement from EAA Headquarters later in the newsletter. We are fortunate to have EAA, AOPA as well as other general aviation associations speak up for us. However it is very important individuals contact their federal representatives and voice their opinion.

March Meeting Minutes

EAA Meeting Minutes 3/19/17

President Mark Scott started the meeting at 10:00am. Bill Jagoda, treasurer and Rick Beebe, secretary were present. Vice President Steve Fraas was absent. There were 20 attendees.

Long time member Bob Rouse passed away a few weeks ago. Jim Simmons gave a nice presentation on Bob's flying career. He was a naval aviator from 1943 to 1947. He was an instructor in Florida during the war. Then he was in the Naval reserve until 1974. He flew for 70 years. We'll miss you Bob.

A reminder that 2017 dues are due. They're still only \$20.

Treasurer's report: Bill reports a balance of \$1992.88.

Tech Counselor's report. Dave talked a little bit about battery problems he's been having. Mark Scott showed off a rivet squeezer holder. It can simply be a block with a slot to hold the squeezer upright. He's made a plastic version and is exploring manufacturing them. Aircraft Spruce has expressed interest if Mark can find someone to manufacture it.

We're still looking for a newsletter editor.

Young Eagles. We had a small rally last weekend. It was cold and windy so we only flew 6 kids. It was in coordination with Women in Aviation week. Our regular rally is June 4. We are applying our \$710 credits for Kasper Renkin, our EAA Air Academy attendee. In addition two other chapters are contributing their credits which means we should be able to pay for nearly all of his tuition.

Teens to Flight. Mark reports that the build is going well. They're working on fiberglass now. Wiring is done. They're working on the brakes. Roy Stout has taken the gear legs to have them painted at Wilcox Tech High School. Mark showed a fun time-lapse video of a build session.

The Champ saga. The Oxford EAA Chapter had donated a Champ to the project. It was going to be sold and the proceeds used for Teens to Flight. The plane was totaled in a wind storm so now we're waiting for a check from the insurance company.

The April meeting will be held on April 9 as our regular meeting date is Easter. We're going to move the June meeting as well to get it off of Father's Day.

As of today we've only sold 250 tickets to the Joby Rogers show on April 22. Remember all the profits will go to the Teens to Flight program. Please pass the word!

Jim Simmons presented a slide show on his thoughts on choosing and building a homebuilt aircraft. Jim has built three award winning aircraft.

--Rick Beebe, secretary

Teens to Flight Update

We are running out of parts! That's a good thing and a bad thing. It means we are making progress but we need to start thinking about placing the engine and firewall forward order. The lead time is only about three weeks. Right now the landing gear is getting a lot of attention. We have to paint the main gear legs and a few other metal parts before we complete the assemblies. Roy Stout worked with the Wilcox Tech auto paint shop to get the parts painted. Roy is also trying to arrange a date to have the school principle visit our project.

The kids are working on the fiberglass gear fairings. They are getting a lot of practice sanding and fitting. The canopy is still on hold pending warmer weather so we do not risk cracking the Plexiglas canopy.



We did have a visit from the happy cone head gremlin. We were able to quickly snap a quick picture of him as he made his way around. We think he migrated south from the Boston area. Fortunately he is a good gremlin actively cleaning up and fixing things unlike the bad gremlins that afflict most of our planes.

Please help support our program by donating at;

www.eaa27.org

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

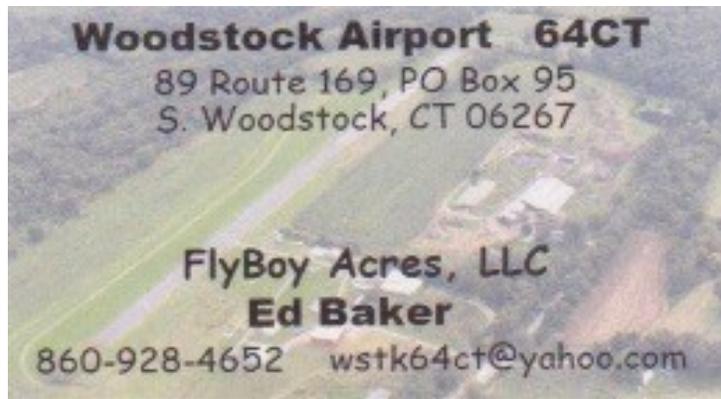
Chapter Stuff

MMK Fly in

The MMK fly-in is May 13th. We need people to help with set up and take down as well as aircraft judging. The chapter will also be raffling off five Young Eagles flights to give good exposure to our rally a couple weeks later.

Woodstock Airport

Ed Baker, the current airport manager at Woodstock Airport (64CT) recently invited Jim Simmons and Fran Uliano to fly in for a visit. This small airport is just 47nm from Meriden airport. Jim says anyone from the chapter is invited to drop in. It looks like a nice little private airport. Why not stop by and say "Hello".



Other News

New Hangars

A discussion regarding design and construction of the new hangars will be held at the Meriden Aviation Meeting. One topic will be whether 45x45 or 50x40 dimensions are best. I have been asked to do some packing layouts. It looks like the 50x40 units offer more positioning flexibility and less chance of hangar rash, i.e. wing tips hitting door frames. The meeting date is TBD. Check with Constance at the airport.

Other Stuff

In case you are not aware there is a great website that lists and maps aviation related events all over the country. Go to; www.socialflight.com and you will find a spiffy well laid out site with lots of information. The chapter will be posting more events there in the future.

ATC Privatization Proposed in White House Budget,

(Below is a Reprint of the EAA Statement published March 16, 2017)

An endorsement for the privatization of air traffic control was included in a budget proposal released by the White House on Thursday March 16, a move that would put the future of general aviation and its long-term access to the National Airspace System at risk.

Shortly after, EAA CEO and Chairman Jack J. Pelton released a [statement in strong opposition](#) to the proposal, which is similar to the ATC privatization proposal introduced last year in Congress.

“Under such a system, ATC would be overseen and managed by a board made up of commercial interests, with the nation’s airlines having the most powerful and numerous voices,” Pelton said. “These interests would inevitably drown out whatever token representation and economic impact GA would have on such a board, creating an ATC system that would serve commercial interests with the greatest financial resources.”

This is a critical issue for the survival of general aviation. With the powerful voices of the airlines pushing to lower the price tag of their access to the nation’s airspace, much of the funding for a privatized system would be reliant on general aviation users.

Transfer of ATC oversight from the FAA to a private corporation would also likely impact funding for infrastructure improvements at rural airports, such as towers and instrument landing facilities, with financial resources instead being directed to the urban centers serviced frequently by airlines.

EAA is already deeply involved in conversations on Capitol Hill to ensure ATC continues to serve general aviation equally in the national airspace system. We are looking to the GA community to stay engaged on this issue as we work to provide next steps toward defeating privatization.

AOPA Flight Training Scholarships.

The [Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association](#) (AOPA) is now accepting applications for two scholarship programs. In 2016 the AOPA Foundation funded a total of \$196,000 in scholarships awarded to 42 individuals from teenagers attending high school to adults. This year’s [High School Flight Training Scholarship Program](#) will award 20 flight training scholarships. Applications will be accepted until May 19, with the winners announced on June 23. Eligible students must be 15 to 18 years old, U.S. citizens or permanent residents, carry at least a 2.75 cumulative grade point average (GPA), have parental approval if under 18, and not yet have taken a checkride for a pilot certificate. Scholarship funds can be used to pay for direct flight training expenses including aircraft rental, and ground and flight instruction. This year’s [AOPA Foundation Flight Training Scholarship program](#) will award scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to

\$5,000. The deadline for submitting applications is May 31, with the winners announced in late June or early July.

Skylark Airport

EAA Chapter 1310 at Skylark Airpark (7B6), 54 Wells Road, East Windsor, CT, would like to announce our planned events for this year. Coming up on Saturday March 25 will be our first pancake breakfast of the year. We'll have hot pancakes with our hurricane sauce, sausages and scrambled eggs. All you can eat for a \$6.00 donation.

Please let your friends know about these events.

Skylark Airpark was purchased last year, and the new owner is making significant improvements to the airport. All paved surfaces have been reconstructed so you can't blame bad landings on the pavement any longer. Runway markings have not been painted yet, so be aware of displaced thresholds due to trees on both approaches. The grass runway to the south of the paved runway is usually too soft to land on this time of year.



Saturday March 25	8:30 - 11:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast
Saturday April 29	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Young Eagles - Brainard
Saturday May 13	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Safety Seminar & Cookout
Saturday June 24	8:30 - 11:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast
Saturday July 15	8:30 - 11:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast
Saturday August 19	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Corn Roast & Cookout
Saturday September 30	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Safety Seminar & Cookout
Saturday October 14	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Young Eagles - Skylark
Saturday November 4	8:30 - 11:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast

We hope to see you at the new Skylark Airpark this year.

For further information, visit our web site www.eaa1310.org or call us at 860-281-1310 or email to info@eaa1310.org

New England Air Museum Announces SPRING FLING

Celebrate the arrival of spring with two weeks of school vacation week programming at the New England Air Museum! Explore three giant exhibit hangars filled with over sixty historic aircraft and experience the wonders of flight through daily hands-on activities including:

Hands-on Build & Fly Challenges
Interactive Flight Science Demonstrations
Open Cockpit Experiences in historic aircraft
Computerized Flight Simulators

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

Friday April 14, 2017 – 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bunny Visit
Children ages 1-10 are invited to participate in our 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Monday April 10 & Friday April 21, 2017 – LEGO Flying Machine Contests – 10:00am-2:00pm

Children ages 3-12 will construct a futuristic flying machine using the New England Air Museum's collection of LEGOs. Prizes will be awarded in three age categories, and winners need not be present to win.

Monday April 17, 2017 – Delta Dart Model Building Workshop – 10:00am-2:00pm
Build and fly a balsa Delta Dart airplane with help from our team of experts! Ages 8 and older, all children must be accompanied by an adult, and there is a \$5.00 cost per model kit.

Tuesday April 11 & April 18, 2017 – Constellation Viewer Make & Take Workshop – 10:00am-2:00pm. Discover the secrets of the night sky, learn the history of constellations, and build your own paper portal to the stars.

Wednesday April 12 & April 19, 2017 – Pinwheel Props Make & Take Workshop – 10:00am-2:00pm. What do pinwheels and propellers have in common? Find out by building your own paper pinwheel with the NEAM Public Programs Team.

Thursday April 13th & April 20, 2017 – Rocket Balloons – 10:00am-2:00pm
Discover the history of rocketry by designing, building and racing your own rocket balloon down our rocket race track.



All events and activities are included with general admission unless otherwise noted. Events and activities are subject to change.

3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bunny Visit

Friday April 14, 2017

Hop into history with the Easter Bunny at the New England Air Museum's 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Families and children ages 1-10 are invited to join us from 11:00am-1:00pm for the 3rd annual NEAM Easter Egg Hunt. Participants will be divided into two age groups (ages 1-5 and ages 6-10), and children will collect one egg in each of the following colors: red, blue, purple, green and yellow. Once a child has found all five colors of eggs, they will exchange their eggs for a prize bag of goodies to take home. There is a strict limit of five eggs/one prize per child, and a limited number of prizes will be available on a first come, first served basis. Children must bring their own egg hunt bag/basket. To ensure the safety of all visitors, it is requested that parents remain with their children at all times during the Egg Hunt. Please note strollers will not be permitted in the egg hunt areas.

In addition to the Egg Hunt, the Easter Bunny will be greeting visitors from 10:30am-12:00pm and again from 1:00-2:30pm. The museum will also offer an array of activities for children including climb-aboard experiences in historic aircraft, computerized flight simulators, hands-on Build & Fly Challenges, and more.

All activities are free with general admission, and the Easter Egg Hunt will be held rain or shine. In the event of severe rain, the hunt will be moved indoors. Events and activities are subject to change.

Admission is \$12.50 for ages 12 and up, \$11.50 for seniors 65 and up and \$7.00 for ages 4 to 11. New England Air Museum members and children 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Group rates are available for groups of 10 or more with advance registration. Visit our website for more information and a complete schedule of events: www.neam.org.

The New England Air Museum is located on 36 Perimeter Road (off Route 75) on the North end of the Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, Conn. For more information please visit www.neam.org, call (860) 623-3305 or find us on Facebook.

Meetings and Events in the Area

- April 8 Middlebury, VT, Spring Fly-in Breakfast (FMI 802-505-8479)
- April 11 Fitchburgh, MA, Fitchburgh Pilot's Association Monthly Meeting
- April 12 Nashua, NH, EAA IMC Club Chapter Meeting (FMI 978-873-0507)
- April 18 East Hartford, CT, AOPA Safety Seminar "Non Towered Airport Case Studies, What Went Wrong?" 7-9 pm, Holiday Inn Hartford Downtown, 100 East River Dr.
- May 13 Plymouth, MA, MayFlour Bombing Competition, 10-12:30, two bags of flower, closest to the target wins. Sponsored by the Plymouth Aero Club
- May 20 North Kingston, RI, Rhode Island National Guard Open House and Air Show

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.

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.

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

Electrical Stuff

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

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