

# EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter August 2020

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**Our Next Meeting is 10:00 A.M August 16th, MMK,  
T Hangar 6 - south end of field**

**Engineer Ken Katz will describe military climatic  
testing and his experience with the MV-22**



**MV-22 Climatic Testing**

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## President's Message

We got to show off the RV-12 two times recently. Once at an EAA Chapter 166 meeting and another at Bridgeport airport to kick off their RV-12 project. We get to do it again at Meriden airport on August 14<sup>th</sup>. It feels really good to talk about what we have accomplished. Through our chapter's efforts on Young Eagle flights, the RV-12 project, and other community activities we are steadily educating more and more people on the merits of local aviation.

## Teens to Flight/Spirit of Meriden Flight Club

The RV-12 was flown to Bridgeport Airport on August 21<sup>st</sup> as part of the Tango Flight RV-12 program kick off. There were lots of school and state officials including the Lieutenant Governor (see the picture below). We made a good impression and got people thinking about small planes and their benefits.





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The RV-12 was flown to EAA chapter 166 meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup>. They are also working on an RV-12. We were able to relay what we learned about the project. We look forward to their first flight hopefully soon.



There is a press day Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> with city officials at the airport. The local media is invited to see the plane and learn about our project. I will be doing a lap or two around the pattern afterwards. The whole thing should be less than an hour. We have some of the kids attending as well the build member mentors. Please come join in on Friday.

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It looks like we have five members to start the Spirit of Meriden Flight Club. I have been flying with two instructors to get them familiar with the airplane and ready for check outs. Unfortunately, the storm and subsequent power outages have cost about a week but they should be ready by mid-month. There are still five memberships available. (Mark)

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## Memberships Available

**Fly cheap with the latest in aviation tech.  
5 gal/hr fuel burn and no more “steam gauges”**

The club owns a newly built RV-12 which is a light sport category airplane suitable for both light sport and private pilot training. A video of its first flight can be viewed here: <http://www.eaa27.org/>

The RV-12 is equipped with a modern 4 stroke Rotax 912 ULS and the Dynon Skyview HDX with synthetic vision, EFIS, EMS and ADS-B.



The club is structured as a CT 501c(7) not for profit, non-stock corporation. Membership assumes all officer roles and manages all corporate functions including; oversight, scheduling, maintenance and finances.

If interested, please contact either Mark Scott (203.988.3197) or Dave Rich (860.638.9087) for details.



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## RV-10 Open House

Scott Oloff's open house was well attended. There was lots of fun discussion about the airplane, his work shop, and future plans.



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## Tech Counselor Tip

Have you ever preflighted your plane, hopped in buckled up, and maybe even started your engine and realized you do not have your sun glasses, reading glasses or both? It happened too many times for me. I bought a couple eyeglass cases and attached them just above the windshield. All I have to do is reach up and get them. The glasses always stay with the plane so I never have to worry about being without them. Mine are attached to the tube structure with a clip. Other people will find Velcro attachment to the ceiling interior works well. You can also simply put them in a seat pocket or glove box. Flying without sunglasses is unsafe and flying without corrective lenses is illegal. *(Mark)*

## MMK

### Hangars/Mid ramp

Hangar construction is almost complete. The airport is looking really nice. Tenants are scheduled to move into the mid ramp box hangars mid-month. The other hangars are all built and undergoing electrical work and floor sealing. The mid ramp is also complete with new asphalt and pump location. There are now two pumps. You can fuel two planes at once. Maybe even more people will buy gas at MMK and raise revenues! *(Mark)*

## Young Eagles

Unfortunately, we could not have our rally and individual flights have been dramatically reduced due to Covid 19 restrictions. Let's all hope they find a vaccine soon.

## Chapter 27 Events 2020

Chapter Picnic 9/19 at MMK

Holiday Banquet 01/09/2021 at Manor Inn Southington, CT

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## Ray Scholar candidate Bryce Wiekrykas

Dear EAA,

I would like to personally thank you for providing me with a scholarship to complete my Private Pilot Certificate.

As stated in my application, aviation has been a deep passion of mine throughout my life. Starting at the young age of 7, I received Microsoft Flight Simulator X and a joystick as my Christmas present. One of my first experiences with flight was dressing up as an airline pilot and flying to South Dakota on an United A319. After the flight, the crew took me into the cockpit and quizzed me on the various aspects of the A319. Impressed with my answers, they took a picture of us and posted the picture to the United Airlines Facebook site. Impassioned from seeing airline pilots in person, I decided to take a Young Eagles Flight. Francis Uliano, who has now logged more than 500 Young Eagles Flights, took me up in his PA-28-140 and let me find my house. That day, in 2014, was the day I logged my first flight time. My journey through aviation led me to begin flight training at Meriden Markham Airport's flight school, Meriden Aviation Center. Thanks to my helpful and guiding instructor Kris Lotko, I was able to solo when I had 18.5 hours logged. Upon speaking to the airport manager, Constance Castillo, I learned of the opportunity at the EAA for the Ray Scholarship.

Getting involved in my local EAA Chapter 27 has provided me with a sense of inclusiveness, as I am around many people who share the same love for aviation. This scholarship is going to enable me to achieve my future goals within aviation: earn my Private Pilot Certificate, attend an aviation university or military academy, and give back to the organizations that aided my journey. I would like to show appreciation for the EAA and all others who contributed towards my future.

Blue skies, Bryce Wiekrykas



The Captain of the United Airlines A319 and I in the cockpit



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Francis Uliano and I getting situated in the cockpit of his Piper PA-28-140 for my Young Eagles Flight



The First Officer and I in the cockpit of a Delta Airlines MD90; this was taken in Cozumel, Mexico during my family vacation in 2017

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A picture from after my first solo with my instructor Kris Lotko

## New England Air Museum

The New England Air Museum is now open daily 10a.m. - 3 p.m. All three exhibit hangars will be open with over fifty historic aircraft on display in 90,000 square feet of exhibit space. An additional ten aircraft are exhibited on our five acre outdoor grounds. Hangar doors will remain open during operating hours, allowing for natural ventilation and fresh air.

## Regional Meetings

**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/>

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**Chapter 324 Meetings** 1st Wednesday of month, 7 PM Simsbury Airport  
<https://www.facebook.com/ea324/> <https://chapters.eaa.org/EAA324>

**Chapter 1620 Meetings** 1st Wednesday of month, 7:30 PM Barnes Airport Hangar 3,  
111 Airport Rd. Westfield, MA. 01085 <https://www.facebook.com/ea324/>

## Chapter 1310 Events

October 17 Fall Safety Seminar 10:00 AM - Noon

November 7 Pancake Breakfast 8:30 - 11:00 AM

December 12 Skylark Pot Luck Holiday Dinner

## 2020 Aviation Events

*Check ahead for schedule changes*

**August 15-16 and September 26-27, 2020 Simsbury Fly-in Car Show & Food Truck Festival** - Due to the Covid 19 pandemic this years event will be quite different. There will be no car show, aviation seminars, or fly-in. Instead August 15-16 there will be a Food Truck Festival with drive thru service and a socially distanced picnic area; and, the second weekend September 26-27 there will be an abbreviated display of airplanes. For more information describing these events, go to [Simsbury Airport Food Truck Drive Thru on Facebook](#). **Volunteers are Urgently needed** If you are able to volunteer this year, please click the link: [CLICK THIS LINK TO GO TO THE VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FORM](#)

**Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome**, Rhinebeck, NY Airshows Cancelled. Museum opens July 14  
Biplane rides available <<https://oldrhinebeck.org/ora-covid-fast-facts/>> <<https://oldrhinebeck.org>>

**August 29-30 New York Air Show** Stewart Int'l Airport, Newburgh, NY

U.S.A.F. Thunderbirds <http://airshowny.com/>

Attendance size restricted. General admission sold out. Only reserved seating available

**October 2nd - 4th Green Mount Aerobatics Contest (GMAC)** at Hartness State Airport (Springfield) KVSF International Aerobatic Club (IAC) <https://www.iac.org/contest/2020-10-02-green-mountain-aerobatics-contest-gmac>



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## 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

Pair of Airhawk 7.00 x 6 tires and inner tubes, 85% tread remaining, in excellent condition, \$150.

B&C 60 amp alternator. Less than 250 hours, works great. \$175.

Mark Scott ([mwscott2@comcast.net](mailto:mwscott2@comcast.net))

## EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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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