

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter August 2024

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Next Meeting August 18th, 10 am, Meriden Airport

**Tom Culbert will be talking about aviation in Africa
at the beginning of World War II.**



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President's Message

We had a great trip to Oshkosh. We had to fight unforecast poor weather all the way out. It took 2 ½ days instead of one. Fortunately, we all had an adventurous attitude and said, "We will get there when we get there." This made for a fun low stress trip and allowed us to enjoy mini adventures along the way. Flying is all about having the right attitude and that is one of the things that makes it so interesting. Hopefully many of you have had similar misadventures you considered part of the fun. The next time someone asks you about what is involved with flying talk about having the right attitude (mental, not airplane!).

Ray Aviation Scholarship Update

My mom, Connie, Tom and I have finally sat down to go over all the paperwork for the Ray Aviation Scholarship. While we await the arrival of my citizenship status, we've decided that it's best I focus on getting my ground school and written done first so I can be prepared for when I begin at the controls. I've learned so much already from weather to cross country flight planning and can't wait to apply the knowledge into the real world!

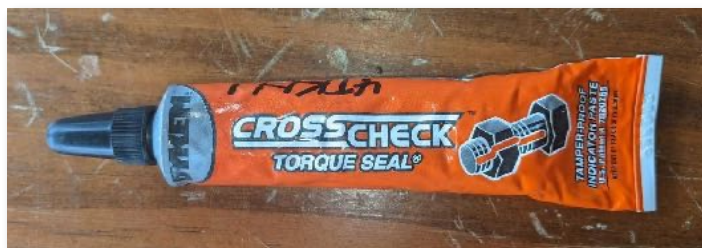
July has been full of many exciting adventures from being able perform complex maneuvers on a C182 to doing my first ever unpowered glider flight in Vermont! I cannot wait to see what other opportunities training with the Civil Air Patrol will bring me and I'm happy knowing there are programs like these young people can enjoy.

Thank you all for your endless support in helping me achieve this ambition, I look forward to the many more flights and moments to share in the future!

Anthony

Tech Tip of the Month

We use lock nuts on a number of control system rod ends and other parts to prevent unscrewing under vibration. Sometimes it is difficult to physically verify tightness due to limited accessibility. If you use what is called a torque stripe you can perform a quick visual inspection. Below is a product called Cross Check Torque Seal. Look at the picture on the tube. You will see all you do is lay down a stripe across the nuts and/or threads. It is bright orange, dries quickly, and lasts a long time. As long as the stripe is not broken torque is retained.



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I recently visited Dave Matuska's Kitfox Speedster project. He is almost done painting. The interior and avionics are complete and he is getting very close to moving it to Meriden. It looks great. Here is a picture of his outstanding paint booth set up with roll up wall in his garage. Notice the great lighting and air filters to the left. I think he should keep it set up and rent out time to chapter members. However, his wife's car has been outside for many months. I suspect she would like it back inside! (Mark)



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Oshkosh Trip Adventures

My two sons and Constance battled weather all the way to Oshkosh. On the second day after being turned around by a line of thunderstorms west of Chicago they randomly picked Dekalb Airport as a bail out destination. Tired, hungry, and worried about further storms we could not have picked a better place. They had hangar space available, happened to be having a cook out in the hangar and offered us a free dinner, and gave us a courtesy car for the night. Super friendly people. If you are in the area we highly recommend stopping there.



Donna and Constance enjoy a moment of solitude at the Oshkosh Seaplane Base



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Dave Rich and Al Starbard encountered this scary monster south of Cleveland on their way to Oshkosh.



Joe Gauthier Gone West

We're saddened to report that Joe Gauthier passed away July 21st. Joe was a major presence in the homebuilding and aircraft restoration world. He built five planes and helped countless others with theirs as a tech counselor. He was a CFI and active flight advisor. He was an experimental test pilot and flew well over one hundred first flights of newly finished planes. In 2007 he received the Society of Experimental Test Pilots "Spirit of Flight" award.

In 1991, Joe received the EAA's President Award which allows the EAA leadership to personally acknowledge members whose participation and contributions represent the "essence" of EAA. When the EAA created the Tony Bingelis Award to recognize EAA



technical counselors for dedicated service and/or significant contributions in assisting members to build and restore aircraft in 2003, Joe was the inaugural winner.

When the FAA created the Designated Airworthiness Representative, or DAR, program in 2004 to help streamline experimental aircraft inspections, Joe was the first again. He did the FAA's first AB-DAR inspection on David Faile's RV-6.

Joe was a member of EAA's Homebuilt Advisory Council and worked diligently on a set of test flight standards called XP3 which later evolved into the EAA's "Flight Test Manual". Joe was an active member of EAA Chapter 166 in Hartford but also contributed a lot to Chapter 27. He will be greatly missed.

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Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF)

Many of us have been enjoying the RAF's improvements at Mount Tobe N41. There is a nice camping area with tent platforms, fireplace and outhouse. It took a lot of hard work from many volunteers and still does for the upkeep. Many thanks go to RAF CT Liaison Brian Thomas for his leadership, time, effort and dedication who is now focused on Goodspeed Airport.

Connecticut Airfields Awarded RAF Grants for Improvements



Improvements at two Connecticut airfields, Goodspeed, 42B near East Haddam, and Waterbury, N41 near Plymouth have been funded by RAF grants, thanks to RAF Connecticut Liaison Brian Thomas.

At Goodspeed, Thomas has lined up volunteers, and will use the grant to purchase materials for four 10-ft x 10-ft tent platforms to establish a desirable camping area. Additional improvements planned are the installation of several RAF branded fire rings on a base of crushed stone, and park style barbecue grills. Thomas also plans to erect a wooden kiosk to display camping information and the RAF mission and its contributions to Connecticut recreational aviation. He located Mini Kiosk kits made from locally sourced and naturally rot-resistant New England wood.

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Your help is needed at Goodspeed Airport 42B in CT August 24-25, 2024!

Camping amenities will be added to the airfield, thanks to a recently awarded RAF grant. Work will take place from 10am-2pm on Saturday, and 10am-2pm on Sunday. Items to complete include tent platform construction and setup, a BBQ grill install, setting up fire pit areas, and adding an informational kiosk. Please bring basic hand tools along with work gloves. Goodspeed will be providing lunch and water. Attendees are welcome to camp underwing during the weekend!

Your RSVP is appreciated. Contact Brian Thomas, RAF CT Liaison, at bthomas@theaf.org.

For more information about Goodspeed, visit airfield.guide.theaf.org.

Chapter 27 Young Eagles

Save the date, next rally is October 26th and rain date 27th)

EAA Chapter 1310 Next Events

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming EAA Chapter 1310 events in 2024 at Skylark Airport:

August 17, 2024 - Corn Roast & Cookout 11:00 AM - 1:30am

October 5, 2024 - Taildragger Fly-In, Safety Seminar & Cookout

November 2, 2024 - Pancake Breakfast 8:30 - 11:00am

December 7, 2024 - Christmas Pot Luck Buffet Dinner 6:00 PM - 9:00am

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 *NOTE May meeting on May 22nd*

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/>

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2024 Aviation Events

September 5th-8th Greenville, Maine The 50th International Seaplane Fly-in; Seaplane base is one mile west of the Greenville Municipal Airport (3B1) on the southernmost tip of Moosehead Lake <https://www.seaplanefly-in.org/pilot-information>

September 13-24 Green Mountain Aviation Field Days

The Vermont Aviators Association, with support from BTV, Heritage, VFA, Beta Technologies and others, is bringing an "airshow" back to Burlington VT in September of 2024...the first one here since 2016! This is a Burlington event with all facets of the local government and business participating in the planning and execution of the event....

<https://www.greenmountainaviationfielddays.org/>

S. Scott "Zip" Willits

Vermont Aviators Association

518-522-0017 vermontaviators.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)

Sonex Project For Sale

Partially built Sonex A model kit. Two seat tailwheel. A 140 mph aircraft at 42 mpg! Everything needed to complete except instruments. Very good build quality, polished aluminum. Sonex VW engine still in crate. Over \$30k invested. Make offer. Plans Serial # 1626. Contact Henry A. Casas (EAA# 653550) Home: 860-354-9635, Cell: 203-770-2836, email; Quiqecasas@aol.com



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