

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter December 2019

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Our Web Site: www.eaa27.org



Sunday December 15th, MMK Open House

MERIDEN MARKHAM AIRPORT & EAA CHAPTER 27

*Cordially invite you to a
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE*



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2019
1:00 TO 3:00 PM
MERIDEN MARKHAM FBO BUILDING
213 EVANSVILLE AVE., MERIDEN, CT 06451
203-630-2878**

**PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR A DESSERT TO SHARE.
MAIN DISHES AND BEVERAGES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE AIRPORT.**

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President's Message

We had another good year. Lots of kids flown, new members, another Air Academy attendee, airport improvements, successful picnics and other social events. And of course, new hangars approved and started! Attend the airport holiday open house in December and the chapter holiday banquet the first Saturday in January and celebrate with everyone.

Despite the very long delay in getting our RV-12 airworthiness approval it will happen. Once the plane is transferred to the Spirit of Meriden Flight Club the chapter will have roughly \$30k in the bank. As a non profit we are obligated to use our funds for educational and other community beneficial activities. We need to have a plan and purpose for the money. It would be good to start thinking about it. We could build another RV-12, build or restore something different, put it towards a chapter hangar, or something else. This will give us all something to talk about at the upcoming parties.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes 11/17/19

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10:03. Other officers present: Vice President Dave Rich; Treasurer Bill Jagoda, and Secretary Rick Beebe. There were 20 attendees.

Treasurer's report: Bill Jagoda reports we have \$5570.84 as of October 31. Dorothy Vallee offered to match donations for the Teens to Flight program. People donated \$1300 and she did match it. Many thanks to all!

Tech Counselor. Mike Zemsta has flown the RV-9 he's been building. Test flights revealed that he wanted a flatter prop. He sent it back and had it re-pitched. Dave Rich reports that they had the prop on the RV-7 overhauled. The spinner had slipped a bit and abraded a small notch at the blade root. Mark Scott reported they found a service bulletin on their TruTrak autopilot servos. He also reports that he's found that "Purple Power" works great for cleaning the greasy bottom of his plane. Dave and Mark reported on installing the split prop crank seal they showed last month. It went in very easily. Getting the old one out was harder

Rick Beebe gave a report on the recent EAA Board meeting. The Ray Scholars program is going very well. These are \$10,000 scholarships toward flight training. 95 students have enrolled, 18 have completed and 50 have soloed. It requires a Chapter to mentor an applicant. We decided to investigate seeing if we qualify for next year's awards.

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The Teens to Flight RV-12 is still stuck in the registration swamp. The discrepancy was whether the plane could be registered by an LLC or whether it needed a named builder.

There's no meeting in December. Instead, attend the airport Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 15 from 1 to 3pm in the FBO building.

The Chapter holiday banquet is set for January 4 at 4:30 at the Manor Inn in Southington.

Donna Shea and Mark Scott have started training for their instrument ratings.

Kathy Battista did not win re-election to the legislative council. She's been a friend of the airport and will be missed.

The hangar construction project has finally started.

Chapter officer elections: The current slate of officers was re-elected by the members present. Mark Scott, president; Dave Rich, vice-president; Bill Jagoda, treasurer and Rick Beebe, secretary.

Mitch Rivers gave a great presentation on his trip to the EAA Air Academy this past summer.

—Rick Beebe, secretary

Tech Counselor Tip

It's getting cold out there. The cold temperatures can cause condensation in your tank or fuel lines. It sinks to the lowest point and can freeze if it is cold enough. Be sure to sump your tanks and check your gascolators. If water has frozen in the lines it can partially or fully block the lines. Do a full power run up before you take the runway to make sure fuel is flowing freely.

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Teens to Flight RV-12 Build Program

We have a new registration application in to the FAA. We received notice it is there and expected to be approved the first week in December. Let's hope so. But like I said. Nothing's easy. Our DAR Greg Prentiss has decided to stop certifying homebuilt airplanes as a DAR. Fortunately, he has referred us to another on Long Island. We will be working with him to get our airworthiness certificate.



Memberships Available

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

The club will own a newly built RV-12 which is a light sport category airplane suitable for both light sport and private pilot training.

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



We will be structured as a CT 501c(7) not for profit, non-stock corporation. Membership will assume officer roles and manage the club, 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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EAA CHAPTER 27 HOLIDAY BANQUET

Saturday, January 4, 2020

MANOR INN RESTAURANT

1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike

Plantsville, CT 06479

860-628-9877

Directions at: 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, ZITI 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

2019 Holiday Banquet

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Entrée Selection(s): indicate quantity

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- Prime Rib au jus.....\$40

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- Chicken Parmigiana.....\$35

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- Broiled Salmon.....\$35

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- 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
43 Derby Road
Rockfall, CT 06481

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MMK Airport News

Hangars

More dirt piles! Things are moving along. The airport had a tenants meeting in November to discuss arrangements. Deposits were taken this week. The plan is still to have the T hangars done by the end of January. Tenants in the current T hangars and South Quonset hangar will be temporarily moved and work will begin on the next set of hangars.



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New England Air Museum

December School Vacation Week Activities



Lunar Landscape Painting

Thursday December 26, 2019 10:30am-2:30pm

Learn about the surface of the moon by making a mini lunar landscape to take home. This activity involves water soluble paint, so please dress for mess!

1st Annual LEGO Brick Aircraft Contest

Friday December 27, 2019 10:30am-2:30pm

Children ages 3-14 are invited to construct an imaginary aircraft using the museum's collection of LEGO bricks. Winners will be awarded prizes in three age categories, and participants need not be present to win.

Marshmallow Constellations

Saturday December 28, 2019 10:30am-2:30pm

Discover the history and science of constellations by building (and eating!) mini-marshmallow constellations of your own.

Straw Rocket Challenge

Sunday December 29, 2019 10:30am-2:30pm

Are you a rocket scientist? Find out by building and launching a straw rocket using our specialized NEAM rocket launchers

Model Airplane Workshop & Demonstrations

Monday December 30, 2019 10:30am-2:30pm

Build and fly balsa wood airplanes with help from our team. This workshop is designed for visitors ages 3 and older, and there is a \$5.00 cost per model kit. Model builders will also give aircraft flight demonstrations throughout the day.

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All events and activities are included with general admission unless otherwise noted. Events and activities are subject to change. The Museum will be closed on, December 25, and January 1, 2019. We will also be closing at 3:00pm on December 24 and 31. New England Air Museum is adjacent to Bradley International Airport - Minutes from I-91; 36 Perimeter Road Windsor Locks, CT 06096; (860) 623-3305 www.neam.org

Regional Activities

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/>

Chapter 324 Meetings 1st Wednesday of month, 7 PM Simsbury Airport
<https://www.facebook.com/eaa324/>

Chapter 1620 Meetings 1st Wednesday of month, 7:30 PM Barnes Airport Hangar 3, 111 Airport Rd. Westfield, MA. 01085 aircrafttech7583@gmail.com

2020 Aviation Events

March 31 - April 5 Sun'n Fun Aerospace Expo Lakeland Linder International Airport U.S.A.F. Thunderbirds <http://www.sun-n-fun.org/>

Weekends June 15 - October 20 Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Rhinebeck, NY
Saturdays - **History of Flight Air Shows** feature aircraft of the Pioneer, WWI and Golden Ages of Aviation. Sundays - **WWI Air Shows** highlight the first warbirds, but also include Pioneer and Golden Age machines.
<https://oldrhinebeck.org>

July 20-26 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, Wittman Regional Airport

August 29-30 New York Air Show Stewart Int'l Airport, Newburgh, NY
U.S.A.F. Thunderbirds <http://airshowny.com/>

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Classifieds

RV-7A 1/3 Share at MMK Airport

RV-7A 1/3 SHARE AT MMK AIRPORT • \$32,000 • **FRACTIONAL OWNERSHIP OFFERED** • 2008 Van's RV-7A hangered at Meriden Markham Airport, CT (MMK). 500 Hrs TT, Sliding Canopy, Superior XP-IO-360-E1AD2, Sensenich 727M8S9-1-85 fixed pitch prop, Dynon D-180 EFIS/EMS, OAT, Garmin 296 GPS, Garmin Xponder GTX327 with GDL-82 ADSB out, ACK 406 ELT, Garmin SL40 Comm, PM 3000-4 intercom, electric flaps, TruTrak AP, Anti-Splat strut, dual brakes, Stratus 2S with iPad mount, full interior. Currently 2 partners with ownership as an LLC. Contact Dave Rich or Mark Scott (203-988-3197) • Contact David Rich, Owner - located Glastonbury, CT USA • Telephone: 8606389087

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)

*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. **\$300**

Contact Rick Beebe, rick@beebe.org <<mailto:rick@beebe.org>> or 203-623-3744