

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter December 2025

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Next Get Together, December 14th, Holiday Open House at Meriden Airport

MERIDEN MARKHAM AIRPORT & EAA CHAPTER 27

Cordially invite you to our annual

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2025

12:00 TO 2:00 PM

**MERIDEN MARKHAM AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING
213 EVANSVILLE AVE., MERIDEN, CT 06451
203-630-2878**

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MAIN DISHES AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED**

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President's Message

It is a busy time of year and the chapter has lots on the schedule. The airport holiday open house is December 14th. Family and friends are most welcome. There will be no regular meeting in December. Our next Meeting is Sunday January 18th, 10 am Meriden Airport. The Annual banquet is January 10th, we continue to pursue new youth outreach activities, Youth Aviation Center improvements, and we are finishing up some Young Eagle and Eagle flights before the end of the year. See further down in the newsletter for more details.

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:00. Officers present: President Mark Scott, Treasurer Bill Jagoda, Secretary Rick Beebe. Vice President James Calver was onboard via video link. There were 44 attendees

Visitors: Robert Pattison. He's a high school student who started an aviation club at Immaculate High School in Danbury. He brought 4 club members with him. Pete who flew to Alaska with Mark. Lenny and his son Ian. Sophia and her mom. She's 15 and interested in becoming a commercial pilot.

Treasurer's Report: \$4,052. Owes Mark \$500 for EAA Chapter Renewal.

Tech Reports. Dave Rich and Al Starbard showed off a trash can and a flap they recently painted. They're building a Carbon Cub and learning to paint with a spray gun. The trash can was for practice and came out very nicely. They're using the Stewart water-borne system

Youth Report. Donna reports we flew 58 kids at our Fall Young Eagles rally. Sadly, one of our new Eagles, Aurelian Kamp, was killed in a house fire a week after the rally.

Congrats to our newest Ray Scholar, Ethan. He now has about 6 hours. He's aiming for the Air Force Academy or the Merchant Marine Academy.

Isabelle gave an update on the youth build of the Sonex. They've finally started riveting after tons of clecos. They're working on the forward fuselage.

Other business: We need a 70% response to the EAA Member survey to count to our gold status for next year. We are waiting for the city to remove the vestigial stairs on the side of the building before we place the memory pavers. Mark is still trying to get some interest in the AOPA STEM course with area schools.

No meeting in December. The airport holiday open house is December 14 from 12 to 2.

Our annual holiday banquet is January 10, 2026, at the Manor Inn in Southington.

2026 is the 70th anniversary of EAA Chapter 27. We'll try to make our annual picnic a big anniversary party.

Our January presentation will be a representative from Pipestral aircraft.

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Chapter elections: The current slate of officers was reelected for another year.

Presentation; Dave Matuska gave a very nice presentation, over Zoom, on the build and flight test of his Kitfox. He used the “new” task-based system for phase 1 flight testing.

—Rick Beebe, Secretary

Ray Aviation Scholar 2025

My flight training has been moving along really well. I have 13 hours so far, lately I’ve been working on stalls, slow flight, and steep turns, and I’m starting to feel a lot more at home with how the plane handles. I’ve done five takeoffs and landings so far and most of them in the night, and I’ve been getting better at radio calls. It is nice seeing how each one teaches me something different. Being in the air never gets old and every lesson gives me a little more confidence.

Since the days are shorter now, I’ve been trying to stay sharp outside the cockpit. I’ve been practicing on the simulator when I can, and CAP has helped a lot by giving me guidance and material to study between lessons. Overall, I feel like I’m making steady progress and I’m excited to keep pushing toward my solo.

Ray Scholar
Ethan Simpson

Youth Aviation Center and Sonex Build

Things are moving along well. We are wearing out drill bits and using a lot of clocos! The aft fuselage is nearly all riveted. In a couple more sessions that will be done. The forward fuselage is shaping up nicely. We are working on plans to possibly start a wing if we can get the aft fuselage out of the way but ready for the forward fuselage mat- ing. (Mark)



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Young Eagles

Bassick and Immaculate High Schools

On Sunday Dec 7th we were able to fly three kids from Bassick High School and their teacher, and two kids from Immaculate High School. We also flew one kid who could not make the October rally. Thanks to Dave Rich and Andrew Scott for helping out.

Tech Tip of the Month

A rivet squeezer tool is a must if you are doing any sheet metal work. It makes very consistent rivet joints. Sometime you have to get over a lip or flange and the fixed die end is not tall enough. Simply place several 3/16 washers under the die. It still works just fine.



STEM OPPORTUNITY

The grant opportunity for the airplane build hangar heating has reopened. We are in the process of obtaining quotes for our application. There are other details to work out but we are optimistic.

We had a very good meeting with the director of the Connecticut STEM academy based in Wallingford, CT. The EAA Aeroeducate program has a number of organized hands on activities that are a great match for the academy's format and age groups. Once the academy director gives us a list of activities he would like to do we can then work a schedule for chapter members to attend and mentor kids. Expectations are sessions will start sometime mid next year. For more information on the academy go to; <<https://www.ct-stemacademy.org/>>



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Chapter 27 Holiday Banquet



EAA CHAPTER 27 HOLIDAY BANQUET



SATURDAY - JANUARY 10, 2026

MANOR INN RESTAURANT
1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike
Plantsville, CT. 06479
860-628-9877

5PM-6PM Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres
6PM Dinner

ALL MEAL SELECTIONS INCLUDE FRUIT CUP, ZITI AND DESSERT

Filet Mignon.....\$55
Chicken Parmigiana.....\$45
Salmon with Apricot Glaze.....\$45
Eggplant Parmigiana.....\$42

Please be sure to bring a grab bag gift for each guest

2026 HOLIDAY BANQUET

Name: _____ Number attending: _____

Entree Selection(s): Please indicate quantity

___ Filet Mignon.....\$55 ___ Chicken Parmigiana.....\$45
___ Broiled Salmon.....\$45 ___ Eggplant Parmigiana.....\$42

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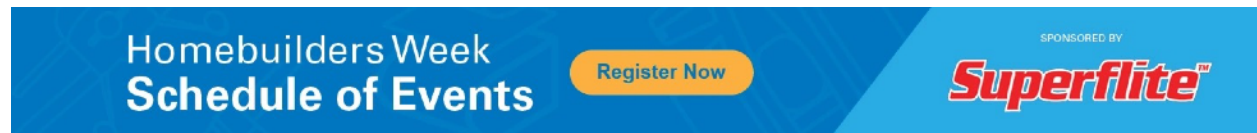
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EAA Homebuilders Week

Join us on January 26-30, 2026, during the sixth-annual EAA Homebuilders Week on-line event. Experts from every corner of the homebuilt aircraft community will bring their knowledge and information to builders everywhere through free and interactive webinars.

Homebuilders Week is a tremendous learning opportunity that celebrates the legacy of EAA founder Paul Poberezny. As he often said, using hand and mind to create aircraft that allow us to enjoy the personal freedom of flight!



Homebuilders Week
Schedule of Events

Register Now

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- **January 26, 2026**
- **January 27, 2026**
- **January 28, 2026**
- **January 29, 2026**
- **January 30, 2026**

Link to register:

<<https://www.eaa.org/ea/aircraft-building/homebuilders-week>>

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/ea324/> <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/ea.org/>

Classifieds

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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 1310

Long EZ Project Still Available

We are anxious for the Long EZ that was donated to the chapter go to someone who will make good use of the progress that was made on the aircraft construction. We are accepting offers for sale. To see photos of what is included, visit eaa1310.org/for_sale.htm Call 860-281-1310 to make arrangements to see it.

EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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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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