

Tour of the Connecticut Air and Space Museum:

Mark Scott is arranging a tour of the Connecticut Air and Space Museum in Bridgeport. They are currently restoring a Corsair. Right now it is all together with many access panels and skins removed so it is very interesting to see. They also are working on a T33, T-38, Sikorsky S-55, Sikorsky S-60, and several other aircraft. They let you walk right up, touch them, and even climb around a little. It will be a great trip. The tour will be on February 28. We can meet at the museum at 10am. Mark will talk more about this at the meeting on February 15.

Information on their website: "The museum is currently located on a Federal Government owned installation, all visitors must be at least 18 years of age. Please come to 550 Main Street in Stratford (across from the Shell station and the airport) for a quick Safety Briefing and to gain entry to the museum."
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If you can't make the meeting and would like to attend the trip, please contact Mark Scott, there is no entry fee to the museum, but he needs to know who will be attending.

A web link is below.
<https://cascstratford.wordpress.com/>

Letter from the President

February 2015

The "Dark Ages" are upon us again, both in the figurative and literal sense. Our current spate of snow and cold along with short days can make anyone rather less sanguine about flying. Hunkering down somewhere warm and brooding about the winter while making grandiose plans for the coming spring and summer often is a far more appealing activity. During my military flying career, winter usually meant that it was time for the annual safety stand down, to cut back on the pace of flying and devote some time to review procedures and inspect airplanes with an emphasis on looking for ways to eliminate potential compromises to flying safety.

Some of us routinely fly through the winter, braving cold preflight inspections and sipping hot



**Next meeting:
Sunday, February
15th**

This month Bob Spaulding will talk about preheating engines, and Steve Frass will demonstrate his preheater.

**Meeting will be held at
Meriden Markham
Airport at 10am**

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coffee while engine pre-heaters do their job. It's a great time of the year to fly with low density altitudes, demonstrably better aircraft performance, and crisp, clear days with great visibility up to the Adirondacks. But most of us, at best, fly on a more limited basis or often not at all until the weather decidedly turns for the better. And it is during this layoff we lose the finely honed edge of proficiency. Familiarity with the cockpit and procedures, that sixth sense where you can "hear" the airplane talking to you, the situational awareness that comes with flying on a regular basis, all become a bit distant.

Yet winter affords an opportunity to brush up on flying knowledge that goes hand in glove with the ability to manipulate the stick to a soft landing. Instead of channel surfing, why not spent some time going on-line and taking a few mini-courses at faasafety.gov in preparation for a Wings renewal or to just brush up. The insurance companies love to see a consistent training record. Sitting down with your flight manual and reviewing emergency procedures is always time well spent. Use the opportunity to delve into how a piece of equipment or an aircraft system really works...and how to recognize when its functionality begins taking a turn for the worse. And winter is always a great time to do some serious hangar flying with fellow aviators. When the weather becomes more supportive of "pulling chocks", we'll be just that much more mentally prepared to re-enter the flying scene.

A quick reminder, on Feb 28th, Mark has arranged for a tour of the Connecticut Air and Space Museum in Bridgeport starting at 10 AM. Mark your calendars.

If you haven't paid your 2015 dues, please do so. See you all at our next meeting.

Stay safe.

Bob

Meeting Minutes

Rick was not at the last meeting, so here is a quick overview of the previous meeting. Due to weather most members arrived late, we also tried out a new meeting format that was discussed at the officer meeting. The new format is a shortened business meeting, giving everyone more time to socialize and enjoy a few cups of coffee. Jim Simmons then gave a very interesting talk about ADS-B. In addition here are some upcoming events listed on the next page.

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Meetings are the
3rd Sunday of the
month at 10am at
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Upcoming events:

- 2/15/2015 Alton Bay, NH 2015 Alton Bay Winter Carnival - Alton Bay Iceport (B18)
- 2/22/2015 Chapter 166 Monthly meeting (CTC)
- 2/24/2015 Hartford IMC Club Mastering the Art of Instrument Nav. - Meriden (KMMK) 6 PM
- 3/11/2015 Chapter 1310 Monthly meeting 7:00 PM (7B6)
- 3/13/2015 Chapter 130 Monthly meeting (Danbury DXR Emergency Prep Bldg) 7PM
- 3/15/2015 NEAM Open Cockpit Day - NEAM - KBDL
- 3/19/2015 Chapter 27 Monthly meeting (MMK) 10:00 AM
- 3/21/2015 Chapter 1310 Pancake Breakfast at Skylark (7B6)
- 3/28/2015 FFAST NE Aviation Safety Expo - Daniel Webster College, Nashua NH
- 3/29/2015 Chapter 166 Monthly meeting (NEAM)

Anyone wishing to send in their 2014 chapter Dues, here is the form, please fill it out and send it to EAA Chapter 27, c/o Bill Jagoda, 43 Derby Road, Rockfall, CT 06481
Dues are \$20.00 per year, due in January, make checks payable to: EAA Chapter 27

Deadline for submitting material for the next newsletter is the 2nd Saturday of the month

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