

# EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter January 2022

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## **Regular Chapter Meeting, MMK Jan 16, 10 am**

### Meeting Presentation

Constance Castillo and Donna Shea will provide some history on the Ninety Nines women's pilot association and updates on their current activities.



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## President's Message

I was hoping 2022 would be much more normal than the last two, but it is not starting out that way. We will still plan on having our regular chapter events and see how things shape up as the year goes on.

I hope you are making flying plans. I have a couple trips in the works. Start now so you will be ready when the weather gets warm in a few months. In the meantime, remember to check your plane for frost, sump the tanks to check for water and ice crystals, and dress warm.

We are planning our one day Young Eagles workshop in February sometime. If you would like to help out contact Donna Shea.

One last thing, I have been reading the relatively new AOPA Flight training magazine. It is full of great short articles on many aspects of flying. My son gets it as a student pilot. You might want to see if you can subscribe to it or find it on line.



## Tech Tip of the Month

Sometimes by either use or manufacturing variation screws do not tighten as well in Tinnerman anchor nuts as you would like. If you give them a light squeeze the two tangs that contact the screw bend closer together and make the screw hold better.



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## Chapter 27

### Ray Aviation Scholar 2021

#### Latest news on our Ray Scholar

CJ passed his second hurdle by passing his written exam. He also completed all his flight and his cross country requirements. He is now in the process of reviewing his flight skills and the written areas he had trouble with on the written exam. Weather, school, and sunset issues have presented some obstacles but CJ continues to move forward. He is trying to get the check ride scheduled this month or February. Hopefully everything will fall into place and we will have a new private pilot in our club shortly.

Tom Spitler - tspitler@gmail.com  
Ray Aviation Scholar Coordinator

### Young Eagles Workshop planned

What is the Young Eagles workshop program?

“The EAA Young Eagles Workshops program provides an opportunity for EAA chapters to offer youth who are of school age (approximately 11 to 17) an opportunity to learn about aviation in a social setting at a local airport. EAA Young Eagles Workshops can be a one- day or multiple-day experience geared toward introducing kids to the basic elements of airplanes and aviation.

Through various classroom-style learning and hands-on activities, EAA Young Eagles Workshops provide emotional, creative, social, and educational growth to kids, with EAA chapter members serving as aviation counselors. Workshops focus on specialized aviation content and materials to offer kids so they embrace aviation as a potential recreational or career path as they mature.

EAA provides content, materials, and a guidebook for offering workshops. Content and materials include learning modules on a variety of aviation subject matter, activity worksheets, and interactive activities such as hands-on building and fabricating projects and role-playing related to piloting.” (<https://www.eaa.org/-/media/Files/EAA/Chapters/Young-Eagles-Workshops/2020-09-15-YE-Workshops-Single-Page-Program-Handbook.ashx>)

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## Annual Dinner

Our annual dinner at the Manor Inn was enjoyed by all. Everyone would like to use the same venue next year. Congratulations to Fran Uliano for receiving the annual President's award in recognition of many years of EAA Chapter 27 support and participation. Fran is up to 492 Young Eagle Flights. Hopefully we can find him eight more soon!

## EAA Chapter 27 2021 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Presented To:  
**Fran Uliano**



**In Recognition of Many Years of  
Dedicated Support of EAA Chapter 27**

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## Other

### Bethany Air Mail Directional Arrow

A while back there was a blurb in the chapter newsletter about the Bethany Air Mail directional arrow being uncovered after many decades under dirt. The Bethany Historical society is working with a local Boy Scout Troop on its restoration. See the news article. I took the color picture after we uncovered it. Since then, it is getting overgrown again. If you would like to contribute funds or participate their contact information is; Bethany Historical Society, 512 Amity Road, Bethany, CT 06524.



The Bethany Historical Society and a local Eagle Scout are collaborating on the preservation of a directional arrow at the Bethany Airport. These giant arrows were called Beacon Stations and helped guide the pilots of early airmail flights across the nation. They were at the base of 50 foot skeleton towers that had a 24" or 36" rotating beacon and in



the early days painted Chrome Yellow. Where electricity was unavailable they had a generator shed on the feather end of the arrow to power the beacon. The site number was painted on one side of the roof of the shed, the other side had the airway. They pointed to the next higher numbered

beacon station, directing the pilot along his route. All arrows pointed east on the west-east airways and north on the south-north airways. They were built between December 1926 and November 1932,



when metal arrows became the standard. There were 34 Contract Air Mail (C.A.M.) routes that pilots flew the airmail over. For example: 1\_09 NY-B Bethany- means Contract Air Mail route No. 1,

beacon site No. 9 on the New York-Boston airway, Bethany, Connecticut; Department of Commerce Intermediate Landing Field-(abbreviated to DOCILF).

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## East Hampton Airport Closure Threatened

From <https://www.easthamptonstar.com/government/202216/east-hampton-airport-to-go-private>

*(Ed: While the airport closure is not imminent, the continued viability of the airport is in question when operational restrictions, such as described below, are implemented.*

East Hampton Airport will transition to private use under a “prior-permission-required” model, Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc announced during his state of the town address on Tuesday.

Under Federal Aviation Administration guidelines, this would require aircraft operators to obtain permission in advance to “have full operational use of a runway, taxiway, apron, or airport facility/service.”

After Tuesday’s meeting, the supervisor said that possible restrictions could include a ban on commercial aircraft or on certain types of aircraft, or limits on the frequency of flights, all of which is yet to be determined. “The important point is that we will be looking to specifically target these measures to improve residents’ quality of life,” he said.

Federal Aviation Administration grant assurances at East Hampton Airport expired in September, returning control of the airport to the town.

The town can allow the airport to continue as is; close it temporarily and reopen with restrictions enacted such as hours of operation or the quantity and type of aircraft allowed, or close it entirely and repurpose its 600 acres.

Mr. Van Scoyoc, who was elected to a third term in November, said that the board’s goal “is to gain meaningful relief for the ever-growing multitude of people whose quality of life is negatively affected by aircraft noise.”

Erin King Sweeney, executive director of the East Hampton Community Alliance, a pilot group that advocates to keep the airport open, said yesterday that the alliance “remains committed to working with the town and the aviation community to develop workable solutions to keeping open HTO,” the airport’s aviation designation. “We remain opposed to any airport closure, even a so-called ‘temporary closure,’ due to the many risks inherent in such a move.” (The Newsletter of EAA Chapter 1310)

## Regional Meetings and Events

**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://eaa166.org>

**Chapter 27 Meetings** - 3rd Sunday of month, 10 AM at Meriden Airport

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<http://eaa27.org/>

**Chapter 324 Meetings** 1st Wednesday of month, 7 PM Simsbury Airport  
<https://www.facebook.com/eaa324/> <https://chapters.eaa.org/EA324>

**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/>

## 2021 Aviation Events

**04/05/2022 - 04/10/2022** SUN n FUN Aerospace Expo - Lakeland FL  
U.S. Navy Blue Angels

**06/18/2022 - 10/16/2022** Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Weekend Airshows,  
Rhinebeck, NY

The Saturday "History of Flight" program highlights the Pioneer era before WWI, a WWI Show teaser, and the Golden Age of Aviation in the '20s and '30s. The Sunday Show is our WWI dog fight spectacular with a hero, a heroine (Cheer!), the villainous Black Baron of Rhinebeck (Boo!), scenery, pyrotechnics and a WWI tank. The supporting cast includes many antique automobiles. <https://oldrhinebeck.org>

**07/25/2022 - 07/31/2022** - EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, WI  
EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022 to Celebrate 75th Anniversary of U.S. Air Force

## 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.

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

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