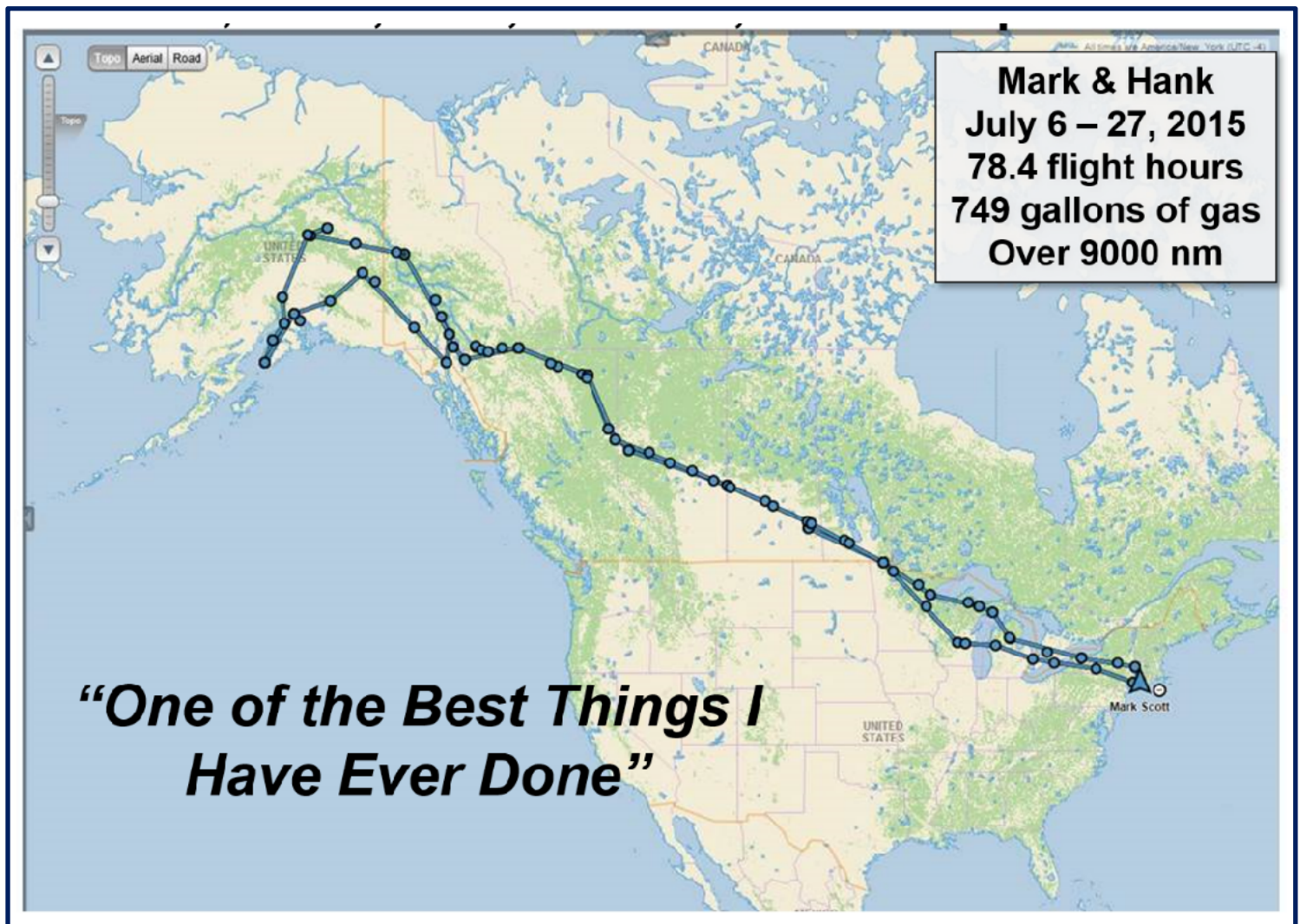


EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter June 2025

President	Mark Scott
Vice President	James Calver
Secretary	Rick Beebe
Treasurer	Bill Jagoda
Newsletter Editor	Joe Bogacki
Young Eagles	Donna Shea
Scholarship Coordinator	Tom Spitler
Tech Counselors	Dave Pepe, Mark Scott & Mike Zemsta
Flight Advisor	Mark Scott
Our Web Site:	www.eaa27.org



**Next Meeting Sunday June 22nd,
Meriden Airport, 10 am**



EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter June 2025

President's Message

Unfortunately, our speaker from New York TRACON has to work on our June meeting day and can't make our meeting. We will try to reschedule him for October. I will pinch hit by giving a repeat of my Alaska trip presentation which was amazingly 10 years ago. Time flies. We have a lot of new faces in the chapter so I hope you enjoy it. For those who have seen it hopefully it brings back some forgotten memories from the first time.

Despite moving to our rain date and experiencing a 2 ½ hour delay due to low clouds we still had a great day flying 49 kids. Everything ran smoothly as it always seems to with everyone doing their part to make it all work. See the wrap up and pictures in the Chapter 27 section.

The Commemorative Brick Fundraising campaign is open and orders are accumulating. There is a change to the custom art order process. Information and order instructions are updated and included again this month further down in the newsletter.

You can now join or renew Chapter 27 membership on our web site (www.eaa27.org) and pay by PayPal.

We had a meeting with Lou Camacho from the Connecticut trade school central office in Hartford. He was very interested in starting an after school program at Wilcox Tech based on the AOPA high school aviation course. We will be meeting in a couple weeks to define the next steps. We are expecting to have a meeting with the Cheshire High school principal just after school ends next week.

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2025

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Other officers present, James Calver, Vice President; Treasurer, Bill Jagoda; Secretary, Rick Beebe. There were 35 attendees.

Visitors. Welcome back two long-time members Jim and Rhona Maher who were visiting from South Carolina. Peter Brown, son of long-ago member Bob Brown. Burcowitz Lovis and Wensy Christomo, two students from Bridgeport Central High School who want to be pilots. Another student, Mason Pachia and his father Stanley. Stanley dreams of being a bush pilot.

Treasurer's Report. Current balance, \$2025.

Tech discussions. Doug Dringoli is almost done with the Vagabond. He'll get back to his Hatz build soon. Dave Rich is painting his carbon cub. Don MacMillan reports his avionics are on back order for his RV-12. Mike Zemsta is working on John Anderson's RV-6 condition inspection. Peter Brown has his father's Rand KR-2 kit. It's had little done to it and he wants to sell it.

Web site: PayPal is now available for paying dues. Working on a donation button and Venmo integration next.

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter June 2025

Young Eagle rally is June 7. Registrations opened at 8am on May 7 and was full by 1pm.

Park & Rec day camp will be coming back again in July. Final date tbd. It's a two day event.

Ray Scholar: Anthony has done his short solo cross-country. His long cross-country is the coming week. He's honing the basic maneuvers and feels excited about the check-ride. He received his Lightspeed Zulu headset last week. Lucy won a \$1000 scholarship from the 99's which she using for her Commercial rating.

The Paver fundraiser has begun. Details in the newsletter. This is a fund-raiser for our youth scholarship.

Mark talked about our plans to start a Youth Aviation Center. Henry Casas' donated Sonex will be the first teen build project. This time we'll put a sign on the building to advertise what we're doing.

Airport clean-up day was a big success. Thanks to everyone who came out! Parts are in to repair the tetrahedron. A repair party will be scheduled for next month.

Mark went to Anthony's school for career day and did a presentation on aeronautical engineering.

Presentation: Don MacMillan is operations manager for Yale-New Haven Health Systems helicopter patient transport, SkyHealth. He arranged to have their EMS helicopter come to the airport. We got to meet the crew and tour the helicopter. Thanks Don!

--Rick Beebe, Secretary

RAY Scholarship for 2025

We are in the process of selecting our Ray Scholar for 2025-26. If interested each person should submit an application for the scholarship. Send a request to tspitler@gmail.com and an application will be sent. Once all applications are received the candidates will be asked to come in for an interview. After the club selects the final candidate, they will submit their application to EAA for final approval. Once approved by EAA the training process to become a private pilot begins. Get those applications in so we can welcome our Ray Scholar for 2025-26.

Tom Spitler
Ray Aviation Scholarship Coordinator
Chapter EAA 27

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter June 2025

Ray Aviation Scholar 2024

Flying solo gives me a thrill like none other. Being able to make my own decisions and knowing that I'm the one ultimately responsible for an aircraft fills me with so much joy and really reminded me of why I wanted to fly in the first place. From Fitchburg, Worcester, Southbridge, and other airports in Massachusetts, I was really lucky to have been assigned some awesome airports to do my solo cross countries in. I can't wait to go back with others and remember the fun (and sometimes challenging!) times that I had during my training.

I have now completed all my private pilot requirements for my checkride and we are now just a few months away before the big date. Cleaning up all of my maneuvers and ensuring that I'm oral-ready has been my top priority

for this final stage. As excited as I am, I wouldn't lie to say that I'm a little bit nervous! But like all things, it's just a matter of hard work and guidance that I'm sure will prepare me for this final homestretch.

Speaking about guidance, I again just want to give a massive kudos to everyone that helped out in the Young Eagles Rally. There were so many young people that I talked to with huge smiles on their faces, and as someone who's been in their shoes before—you guys have no idea the warm and fuzzy feeling we get when we go up on our first time. I know I say it all the time, but truly, and wholeheartedly—thank you. To each of you for your efforts to try to share the passion of aviation.

I hope everyone's doing well, and I can't wait to see you guys during our next chapter meeting!

Safe flying,

Anthony Ortiz Osorio
Ray Aviation Scholarship Recipient 2024



EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter June 2025

Chapter 27

Young Eagles

Our Spring Young Eagles Rally was a great success! Although our rainy spring postponed our rally to the rain date on Sunday, June 8th and we had to start the rally two and a half hours late, our amazing volunteers managed to get 49 participants up in the air! As usual, we had many smiling faces and appreciative parents at the end of the flights. Our newest Young Eagle pilot, Andrew Scott, managed to fly ten participants! Our group of Young Eagle volunteers is truly a remarkable group! They all pitch in to help with any task that needs to be completed. Managing the safety of the airport, greeting families at the registration and check-out desks, flying and parking aircraft, providing "goodies" and coffee for attendees, and all of the set-up and break-down for the rally is all done seamlessly due to the positive dedication of the Young Eagles Crew! A HUGE Thank You to the entire crew for another safe and successful Young Eagles Rally!



EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter June 2025

Youth Scholarship Fund Commemorative Brick Fundraiser

We are in the middle of our Commemorative Brick Scholarship Fundraising Campaign. The program ends June 29th. A 4x8 or 8x8 inch brick with your own personal inscription with or without artwork will be permanently set in the picnic area next to the building. Chapter members receive a discounted price. We will have a campaign each year to add bricks. A copy of our promotional poster is below. We are taking orders on line and manually, i.e. paper orders with mailed checks. A sample brick and images are at the airport office front desk.



For online orders without artwork go to www.fundraisingbrick.com/meridenairportcbp/, or scan the QR code on the poster. Fill out the form, pay on line, and you are all set.

You can place an order with an image of your choosing. There is a clip art library from the supplier to choose from. It is almost all military themed. With the exception of one helicopter there are no aircraft. If there is one there you like, select that with your on line order.

We arranged to have custom artwork on bricks so you can have an image of your airplane or whatever else you would like. We have to submit black and white images in .png or .jpg format at 1200 dpi or better. Microsoft word, PowerPoint, and other programs are capable of making these images. Send your image to me (Mark, mwscott2@comcast.net) and I will make sure it meets their criteria. Once that is done complete the manual (paper) order form and send that to Mark as well. You can send a scanned copy. The order forms are at the FBO front desk. Follow the instructions at the bottom of the first page. If you can't get there e-mail me and I'll send you the form.

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter June 2025

Remember the images are not very large so keep them simple. Look at the poster below for reference. The fundraising web site has virtual brick inscription feature. (www.fundraisingbrick.com/virtual-brick-tool/) where you can see how your brick will look. Our color is Nutmeg and font is Comic Sans. The tool's available artwork are nominal images for reference purposes. The fundraiser is open to anyone with a connection to the airport. The plan is to install the bricks before our chapter picnic in September.

EAA Chapter 27- Meriden Airport Youth Scholarship Commemorative Brick Project



Upload your own art! Instructions on website.



<p>EAA 27 4x8 Without Clipart 3 Lines-20 Char/line</p>	<p>EAA 27 ✈ 4x8 W/Clipart 3 Lines-15 Char</p>
<p>✈ EAA 27 8x8 With Clipart 4 Lines of Text 20 Characters/Line</p>	<p>Experimental Aircraft Assoc 27 Brick Fundraiser 8x8 W/O Clipart 6 Lines of Text 20 Characters/Line</p>

MEMBERS \$60 4x8 or \$75 8x8

NON MEMBERS \$75 4x8 or \$90 8x8



Scan Me To
Order Online

QUESTIONS?
Email: mwscott2@comcast.net
Order Online: Scan the QR Code or visit
www.fundraisingbrick.com/meridenairportcbp

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 is raising money for our youth scholarship fund by offering commemorative bricks. They will be placed along the walkway in front of the Meriden airport terminal building. Chapter 27 has been active for years providing opportunities for kids to experience aviation first hand. Since 1993 Chapter 27 has provided over 3400 free flights to kids. The chapter has provided numerous airport tours, merit badge classes, workshops, and scholarships for youths of all ages. In recent years the chapter has mentored young adults completely through private pilot training under the EAA Ray Scholar program. Through the commemorative brick fund raising campaign Chapter 27 is expanding it's youth scholarships for flight training, EAA Air Academy, and other aviation related education. Please consider buying a brick today with your own personal message and artwork.

Don't miss out, order your brick today!

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter June 2025

New England Air Museum Meeting in August

Bill Jagoda has arranged for another chapter meeting at the New England Air Museum. Space is limited so please sign up early. See below for details.

EAA Chapter 27 August 17, 2025 Meeting at the New England Air Museum



We will once again be holding our Sunday August 17, 2025 meeting at 10 AM at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks. In addition to having access to the museum, we will also again be given a private tour of both the restoration hanger and storage hanger. These hangers are not open to the public. The museum has given us a deep discount for this event; however, we are limited to 40 attendees. Cost is \$15 per person. Please mail a check and include the names of those attending to:

EAA Chapter 27
c/o Bill Jagoda
43 Derby Road
Rockfall, CT 06481

Payment may also be made at the June meeting or via PayPal or Venmo. Deadline for registration is August 15, 2025.

Names: _____

Names: _____

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter June 2025

Tech Tip of the Month

You never plan on having an accident. Even small ones can ruin your day. You should carry a small first aid kit in your plane and car for that matter. Over the years I have needed it for minor cuts and bruises. They do not weigh or cost much. Below are just two of the many sizes you can buy. (Mark)



Meriden Airport

New Hangars

The concrete slab for the new South hangars is complete. The building will not be constructed until late summer due to material delivery delays.

Westfield Air Museum 2025 Open House and Fly-In Schedule

June 21: Breakfast Fly-In & Open House

July 19: Burger Burn Fly-In, Open House & Aviation Swap Meet

August 16: Afternoon Fly-In & Movie Night

September 13: 9 & Dine Annual Golf Tournament at East Mountain CC in Westfield

Up Coming Fly-in Events

June 28th Spring Fly-in 10:30 - 2:30 Sugarbush Soaring <helpyouthsoar.org>

July 12 - Chapter 968 Young Eagles rally

August 16 - Chapter 1310 Corn Roast & Cookout

August 17 - Chapter 27 meeting will be held at the New England Air Museum.

October 11 - Chapter 968 Leaf-Peeper Fly-In Breakfast

November 8 - Chapter 1310 Pancake Breakfast

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter June 2025

Chapter 27 Events

August 17 our meeting will be held at the New England Air Museum.
August tailwheel fly-in at MMK

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

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/>

2025 Aviation Events

June 27 - 29 Flight Sim Expo, Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI
www.flightsimexpo.com

July 21 – 27 EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI

September 6 – 7 Thunder over New Hampshire, Portsmouth, NH
US Navy Blue Angels
<https://thunderovernewhampshire.com/>

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)

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter June 2025

EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

or

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](#)

(Please print)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

EAA Member # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Pilot rating held: _____

E-mail address: _____

Would you like to receive our newsletter via email? Y / N

Aircraft owned, make & model: _____

Flying _____ Building _____ Restoring _____ % complete _____

Tell us about your areas of interest and expertise:

If anyone has something they would like to share in our newsletter, places of interest to fly too, your airplane build project, articles, flight experiences, etc. please forward them to Joe "newsletter@eaa27.org"
