

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News

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New aircraft to appear at Oshkosh 2015!

The world's only flying Consolidated Vultee PB4Y-2 "Privateer" is scheduled to appear at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2015, previously the plan was to visit last year, the unfortunately the visit was canceled due to engine trouble.



(Photo credit: Zdenek Kaspar

<http://www.eaa.org/en/airventure/aaa-airventure-news-and-multimedia/aaa-airventure-news/2015-aaa-airventure-oshkosh/03-05-15-worlds-only-flying-privateer-finally-heading-for-oshkosh>)

Letter from the President:

No letter this month.



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

Brian Rehtiene will be talking about his BMW engine modifications for his Hummelbird. He should be able to bring it in.

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

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Tour of the Connecticut Air and Space Center:



Photo provided by Connecticut Air and Space Center- Photo by John Lott <https://www.facebook.com/ctairandspace>

I'm sure anyone who joined the tour of the CT Air and Space Center would agree it was a fantastic time. The volunteers at the center were wonderful and even had coffee and snacks waiting for us. Honestly, there is too much to recap, but I would fully recommend stopping by the center and taking a tour, between the collection they have set up, and seeing all the aircraft they currently have being restored, including the Corsair that was previously set up on a pole at the airport across the street, it's a great visit.

(<https://cascstratford.wordpress.com/>)



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NOON - SAT., 21 MAR 2015 - MEET AND GREET JERRY ROBERTS - NEAM'S NEW DIRECTOR

Steve Socolosky has set up a meet and greet with the new museum director for NEAM. According to Steve "As the museum has done with us in the past, NEAM will not charge us for use of the conference room, but each person attending will be charged the regular admission of \$12.00 (unless they are a NEAM member). After meeting Jerry, they can walk around the museum."

I hope to see many of our chapter members there meet Mr. Roberts. If you have any questions, please contact Steve at soco7a@aol.com

Connecticut sales tax changes could possibly impact local general aviation:

Currently there is a proposed plan to decrease in the Connecticut Sales Tax, which in some ways is good news. A reduction in the percentage of sales tax we pay is helpful to everyone. However, along with reducing the sales tax, the plan would also eliminate some of the sales tax exemptions. One of those sales tax exemptions that could possibly be eliminated is the sales tax exemption on aircraft parts and avionics. Originally this sales tax exemption was put in place when the aviation community was able to show that the Connecticut aviation and avionics businesses were losing business when aircraft owners went to neighboring states for maintenance and upgrades to avoid sales tax. So, if this exemption is taken away, once again local aviation and avionics businesses start losing business to other sets.

Anyone interested emailing or writing their State Representative and State Senator to ask them to protect the aviation in the state, and to continue the Sales Tax Exemption on aircraft. This link will allow you to look up your State Representative and State Senator: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CGAFindLeg.asp>

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AOPA Flight Loans:

AOPA has just announced loans to help with flight training with the goal to help flight students either start/finish or continue their flight goals, there appears to be no requirement on what you plan on using it for, new student, continuing education, new ratings, etc. According to the website "AOPA wants to remove the financial barriers that keep some pilots from being able to complete their flight training," said Adam Meredith, president of AOPA Aviation Finance Co. "Whether they want to pursue flying as a career or just for fun, this flight training loan is designed to be simple, so our members can move ahead with their flying." Details are listed as, "Unique features of AOPA flight training financing include the ability to borrow up to \$100,000 over a 24- to 84-month period with no money down, no loan minimum, and minimal paperwork. When compared to other flight training loans, these interest rates are very competitive at 7.74 to 12.99 percent."

Meeting Minutes:

February's meeting was canceled due to weather.

Don't forget, the snow will be gone soon and blue skies and sunny days are on their way!



Dubois – Steve Fraas flying his 1959 Cessna 172)

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3rd Sunday of the
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Anyone wishing to send in their 2015 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

2015 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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