

# **EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter**

**May 2017**

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**Our Web Site:** [www.eaa27.org](http://www.eaa27.org)

## **Next Airport Events;**

**MMK Fly in, May 13, 9-3**

**Chapter Meeting May 21<sup>st</sup> 10am**

**Teens to Flight Plane Wash, May 27, 9-2**

## **May Presentation:**

**Greg Ginnetti from Whelen will give us an update on the latest in lighting technology, aircraft lighting requirements, and other interesting lighting facts.**

**We will also tell us a little about Whelen's history.**



## **President's Message**

It looks like flying season has finally arrived, for the most part. I hope everyone is out enjoying the warm sunny weather when it is here. I am in the process of planning a two week trip this June in my Bearhawk to South Dakota, Montana, and Idaho. My Alaska trip was quite the adventure and I expect this trip will be as well. That trip is one of the best things I have ever done and I will feel that way for the rest of my life. I encourage you to plan an adventure of your own. The freedom provided by piloting your own plane is remarkable. It does not take a lot of planning or special skill to fly for a few days or even a few weeks. Just stay flexible, keep in mind it is adventure, and have fun whatever happens. If you have the desire but don't do it, I guarantee you will be saying you wished you had once cold weather sets in.

## **April Meeting Minutes**

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10:00. All officers were present. There were 13 attendees.

Teens to Flight: Fran described the challenges in fitting the wings. When they installed them the first time a few weeks ago there was some slop in one of the wings. They needed to order a new part. This past session they installed the new part and now the wings fit perfectly.

The Joby Rogers show is only two weeks away. Jim Simmons reports that the facilities are all set. We elected to buy some newspaper advertising that will reach about 70,000 homes.

Rick Beebe talked about two new products from Levil products that were introduced at Sun 'n Fun this week. An ADS-B out system entirely enclosed in an antenna and the "BOM" which is a self-contained ADS-B in/GPS/angle of attack and attitude sensor which is attached to an inspection plate and can hang below a wing. The Meriden Fly-in is May 13. AOPA fly-in is in October.

We had a wonderful presentation from Teresa Camp and Denise Robinson describing their adventures from last years' Air Race Classic. The race was a VFR, 2700 mile, 4 day cross-country event from Prescott, AZ to Daytona Beach, FL which was full of interesting challenges!

--Rick Beebe, secretary

## **Teens to Flight Update**

Joby Rogers Show was a Big Success! Jim Simmons summed it up well below;

First, we cannot express our gratitude enough to Joby Rogers for providing this phenomenal fund raising opportunity. I believe that I speak for the entire membership when I say that was awesome! A very special thanks to you and your dance team for an excellent performance.

Secondly, I cannot speak highly enough for the awesome support we received from the membership. I won't even attempt to single out anyone; you were all extremely helpful and we couldn't have done it without you!

Thirdly, the support from the Teens to Flight teenagers was great! We loved having them there and their presence surely added to the event.

Tom Brelsford's MJ record collection raffle netted \$560 for the Teens to Flight program. Once again, thanks Tom for your generous gift and a highly successful raffle.

Unfortunately, I can't say that the evening went without any hitches, but we managed to survive them. We had our ticket sales system interrupted for approximately 20 minutes at 7PM. It couldn't have happened at a worse time. My thanks to Patty Zemsta for remaining calm and rectifying the issue. Due to a programming error on my part we sold a seat that didn't exist and that created some angst for a patron, but it was rapidly rectified.

Final tally from Eventbrite was 407 tickets sold (excluding any cash sales that may have occurred during the outage and not been recorded within the Eventbrite system) and our Eventbrite payout should be \$11,120. We had additional income from cash ticket sales and concession sales. Donations were in excess of \$170. Now, of course, we have expenses to payout and the exact final figure won't be available for a few weeks, but I hope to have the final accounting available at our May Chapter meeting.

No matter what the final net payout to the chapter may be, I'd like to remind everyone that every dollar that we may have profited from this activity would not have occurred without Joby Rogers.

Thanks again to everyone for helping to make this a most highly memorable event in our chapter history.

Job well done!

Jim Simmons

As far as the plane goes we are making great progress. The plane is now standing on its landing gear. The only major sections remaining in the finishing kit are the cowl, canopy, and wheel

pants. Given the Joby Rogers show success we have ordered the engine and firewall forward kit. It will be here in late May.

Last year's plane was h was a great success. We will have another one this spring on May 27<sup>th</sup>. See the details below in the EAA Headquarters E-mail blast to be sent shortly.

Teens to Flight T Shirts were made up by Roy Stout and Terese Valenti. They look great. The kids wore them at the Joby Rogers show. We have extras for sale at the fly in and chapter meeting. We will make more if we sell out.

We are still waiting on the insurance settlement regarding the Champ. As far as we know all is set. The last we heard the insurance company was waiting for engine overhaul documentation.



**EAA Chapter 27  
Plane Wash- Teens to Flight  
RV-12 Project Fundraiser  
Meriden, CT  
Saturday, May 27th, 9am to 2pm**

**WHAT:**

Does your airplane need a good cleaning before flying season kicks into high gear? If so, you're invited to bring your airplane out to the Meriden Airport for an EAA Chapter 27 plane wash. A wash takes 30 minutes or less. We will have the grill going so you can buy some lunch while you wait!

A full plane wash will cost \$40, twins are \$60. All proceeds will go directly towards our High School Teens to Flight RV-12 project. Chapter members and students will be on hand to discuss the project, as well as EAA Chapter 27's other activities. Chapter 27 is an IRS 501(c)3 charity so your donation is tax deductible.

This event is open to anyone who wants their aircraft washed. Even if you don't have an airplane that needs washing, we invite you to come out and learn more about the project and our chapter. We hope to see you there!

**WHERE:**

Meriden Airport (KMMK)  
213 Evansville Ave.  
Meriden, CT 06451

**Airport, Chapter, and Other Stuff**

**MMK Fly in**

The MMK fly-in is May 13<sup>th</sup>. We need people to help with set up and take down as well as aircraft judging. The chapter will also be raffling off five Young Eagles flights to give good exposure to our rally a couple weeks later.

## **New Hangars**

A discussion regarding design and construction of the new hangars was held at a recent airport commission meeting. A recommendation was made for 50x40 box hangars. Cost estimates and site surveys are starting now. Foundations and footing could start late this year.

## **FAA Will Release Maps to Speed up Drone Authorization Applications**

**April 10-** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) plans to release the first set of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) facility maps on April 27. The maps will depict areas and altitudes near airports where UAS may operate safely. They will help drone operators improve the quality of their Part 107 airspace authorization requests, which will help the FAA process these requests more quickly.

Beginning April 27, users may access the facility maps at <http://www.faa.gov/uas>. Users will be able to download the data in several formats, view the site on mobile devices, and customize their views.

Additional questions may be directed to the FAA's UAS Integration Office via [uashelp@faa.gov](mailto:uashelp@faa.gov) or by calling 844-FLY-MY-UA.

## **Basic Med**

AOPA has a good BasicMed summary at the web link below. BasicMed goes into effect May 1st.

[https://pilot-protection-services.aopa.org/news/2017/april/01/demonstrating-compliance-with-basicmed?utm\\_source=pilot%20perks&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=cta&utm\\_campaign=protect](https://pilot-protection-services.aopa.org/news/2017/april/01/demonstrating-compliance-with-basicmed?utm_source=pilot%20perks&utm_medium=email&utm_content=cta&utm_campaign=protect)

## **The 2017 Godfrey L. Cabot Award Luncheon**

The Godfrey L. Cabot Award is presented to an individual or team who has made unique, significant, and unparalleled contributions to advance and foster aviation and space flight.

Please join us for this wonderful event. The 2017 Godfrey L. Cabot Award recipient is **Harrison Ford** for his pioneering efforts to promote aviation to the youth of America through the EAA and the Young Eagles Program. Mr. Ford is a nationally recognized leader and promoter of Youth in Aviation.

Mr. Ford has made a major contribution to the general aviation flying community and to the aviation public. He has helped to bring both aviation outreach and the spirit of flight to our next generation of aviators.

**Date & Time:**

Sunday, June 4, 2017

11:30 AM - Reception (cash bar)

12:15 PM - 2:00 PM Luncheon (New England Scrod)

**Location:**

The Seaport Hotel

One Seaport Lane

Boston, Massachusetts

**Cost for Tickets:**

*ACONE members* are \$75 per person or \$750 per table of 10 *Non-members*, \$90 per person or **\$900 per table of 10**. [Join ACONe today by CLICKING HERE, then receive the member discount with your membership confirmation.](#) Please consider purchasing additional seats to allow a Young Eagle to attend this event.

**Local Events****Skylark Airport**

Saturday May 13	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Safety Seminar & Cookout
Saturday June 24	8:30 - 11:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast
Saturday July 15	8:30 - 11:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast
Saturday August 19	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Corn Roast & Cookout
Saturday September 30	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Safety Seminar & Cookout
Saturday October 14	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Young Eagles - Skylark
Saturday November 4	8:30 - 11:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast

For further information, visit our web site [www.eaa1310.org](http://www.eaa1310.org)

or call us at 860-281-1310

or email to [info@eaa1310.org](mailto:info@eaa1310.org)



## Bridgeport Airport Hangar Fest

A B-17 will be at the Bridgeport Airport Hangar Fest Tuesday May 30 and Wednesday May 31.

**EAA B-17 “Aluminum Overcast” visiting Brainard Airport (KHFD) 9/14-9/17/2017**

Chapter 166 has been holding planning meetings for the visit. The next planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 8 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, in the upstairs conference room at Hartford Jet Center. Anyone is welcome to attend.

## New England Air Museum upgrades its Wings!

Work has begun on major improvements at the New England Air Museum adjacent Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks. The \$1.9 M project will greatly enhance the visitor experience and is being funded by a state bond, grants from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and Pratt & Whitney, and other additional raised by the Museum. The project includes creating lofty mezzanines in two of the massive aircraft hangars. Complete with grand staircases and elevators, they will provide amazing vistas over the Museum’s aircraft collections and provide much needed space for additional exhibits, public programs and events.

The project will also include new energy efficient HVAC systems providing heat and air conditioning as well, as new LED lighting in all three of the museum’s public hangars and the new mezzanines. Aircraft will be relocated to take advantage of the new perspectives. At the same time, new exhibits and graphics will revamp the Museum’s galleries while new exterior

TUESDAY MAY 30 - WEDNESDAY MAY 31

**Curtiss HANGAR FEST!**

FLY / WALK THROUGH THE B-17 FLYING FORTRESS!

SEE THE RESTORATION OF THE FG-1D CORSAIR THE OFFICIAL STATE AIRCRAFT!

FUNDRAISER FOR THE HISTORIC 1929 CURTISS HANGAR

CURTISS AIRCRAFT HANGAR  
225 MAIN ST. STRATFORD, CT 06615

TUESDAY 12PM-4PM  
WEDNESDAY 9AM-4PM

DONATIONS WELCOMED!

Yankee Air MUSEUM  
yankeeairmuseum.org

CONNECTICUT AIR & SPACE CENTER  
STRATFORD  
ctairandspace.org



signage and branding will help make the museum a more attractive destination, year round. The Museum will remain open throughout the construction with completion slated for mid August.

Meanwhile, the Museum continues to offer special family friendly programs including weekend build-and-fly activities and flight science demonstrations. Visitors can also get up close and personal with dozens of historic aircraft. The Museum's mission is to preserve, study and celebrate New England's amazing aerospace legacy and inspire the next generation of pilots, engineers, astronauts and visionaries! Visit [neam.org](http://neam.org) for more information

## **Ct Aero Tech School For Aviation Maintenance Technicians Invites You To Their Next Open House**

Come tour our state-of-the-art facility, meet our seasoned team of highly qualified instructors and learn more about EXCITING career opportunities! CT AERO TECH is a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved school (EM9T117R) that specializes in the training of today's Aviation Maintenance Technicians. Let our 70 plus years of experience prepare you for an exciting career in aviation.

WHEN: Saturday May 20th 2017 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Brainard Airport 500 Lindbergh Drive Hartford, CT 06114

WHO: School & career counselors, high school seniors and anyone else interested in a rewarding career in aviation maintenance.

For more information visit us at <http://www.cttech.org/cats/index.htm>

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## **Reoccurring Events**

Chapter 1310 Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7 PM April-October  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 10 AM November, January, February, March at Skylark Airport

Chapter 166 Meetings – Last Sunday of month 7:30 PM (Except July, Nov & Dec) at UTC Customer Training Center

Chapter 27 Meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month, 10 AM at Meriden Airport

Chapter 324 Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month, 7 PM Simsbury Airport

## **Chapter 1310 Events (Subject to change)**

Saturday April 22 – Skylark Airpark Cleanup / Work Day  
Saturday April 29 – Young Eagles flights at Brainard  
Saturday May 20 – Pancake Breakfast 8:30 – 11:00 AM  
Saturday June 24 – We will investigate hosting an AOPA Rusty Pilots seminar  
Saturday July 15 – Pancake Breakfast 8:30 – 11:00 AM  
Saturday August 19 – Corn Roast & Cookout 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM  
Saturday September 30 – Taildragger & Vintage Safety Seminar  
Saturday October 14 – Young Eagles flights at Skylark  
Saturday November 4 – Pancake Breakfast 8:30 – 11:00 AM

## **Other Aviation Events**

Saturday May 13 – Meriden Fly In and Safety Festival 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
5/20-21/2017 RI ANG Quonset Point Air Show – Snowbirds

May 20 North Kingston, RI, Rhode Island National Guard Open House and Air Show

6/3/2017 Chapter 146 Fly-In Pancake Breakfast - Kline Kill Airport (NY1)

7/24 - 30/2017 EAA EAA International Fly In & Convention, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.  
Featuring Apollo 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Bare Naked Ladies and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels

8/12-13/2017 Mass. ANG Westfield International Air Show, Featuring U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, Westfield, Massachusetts

9/9/2017 Chapter 146 Fly-In Pancake Breakfast - Kline Kill Airport (NY1)

9/17/2017 (Rain date 9/24/2017 ) Chapter 324 Simsbury Fly-In & Car Show

10/6-7/2017 AOPA AOPA Fly-In, Groton / New London, CT

7/14-15/2018 Galaxy Community Council Great New England Air Show, Featuring the USAF Thunderbirds, Westover ARB, Chicopee, MA

## **Classifieds**

**700x6 Air Hawk tires and inner tubes** in very good condition. These came off my plane when I replaced them with larger tires. Asking \$150.

**B&C L60 Alternator.** Only 250 hrs of use. Works great. I changed it out to a lighter unit because I was only using a fraction of the capacity. It comes with brackets, bolts, and a belt. \$350.

**Tail Wheel Dolly.** See the picture below. This is a great way to push and pull your small tail wheel airplane around. The tail wheel sits on the plate and is supported by the large bolt in back. The bolt has two positions to accommodate different size tires. Make a \$40 donation to the Teens to Flight program and it is yours!

Contact Mark Scott (mwscott2@comcast.net)



## **Whelen Strobe System & Wing Tip Navigation Lights (\$1000 obo)**

**Power Supply Whelen Model = HDACF (Priced on ACS for \$420)**

<http://www.aircraftspruce.com/catalog/elpages/whelenpowersupplies.php?clickkey=13887>

Wing Tip Position Light (Red Model = A600-PR-14V) (Priced on ACS for \$484)

Wing Tip Position Light (Green Model = A600-PG-14V) (Priced on ACS for \$484)

Complete kit is \$1362 on ACS

Details on ACS here for the full kit:

<http://www.aircraftspruce.com/catalog/elpages/whelena600strobe.php>

I'll include the wiring instructions / manuals booklet and connectors. You'll just need to buy wire and pins to make the system work.

4' x 6'-10" .032 2024-T3 aluminum sheet. \$50 (\$85 at Aircraft Spruce)

Contact Rick Beebe, [rick@beebe.org](mailto:rick@beebe.org) or 203-623-3744

## **Electrical Stuff**

- Circuit breakers - \$1.00 each
- Switches - \$2.00 each
- Gascolator (new) - \$5.00
- Fuel valve (new) - \$5.00

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