

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter November 2023

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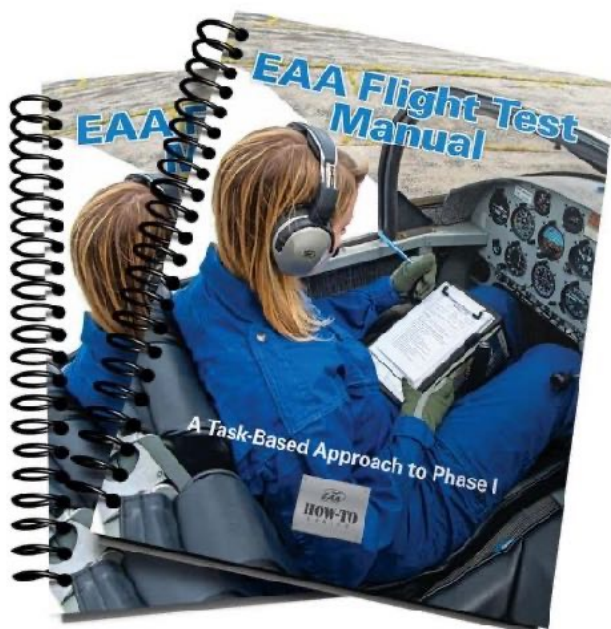
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The Next Meeting November 19th

10am, Meriden Airport

FAA DAR Rich Rozanski explain the new, optional “Task-based” experimental aircraft flight test program which may be used in lieu of the traditional 25 or 40 hour programs. Rich will discuss the test program and required documentation, along with instructions on how to have your existing aircraft limitations amended to include the optional test program.



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President's Message

The new South Ramp looks great. Thanks to Constance and the rest of the city the entire airport grounds are looking good. I recently found out the conference room is going to be redone this winter. We are very lucky that the city is looking after the airport. It appears to be paying off. I have noticed more training activity and more airplanes in general using the airport.

A long overdue update to E-AB aircraft phase 1 test requirements is finally here. We are looking forward to learning about the change from our local DAR Rich Rozanski.

Please sign up for our annual holiday dinner the first weekend in January. See the sign up information below.

Minutes

Meeting Minutes October 15, 2023

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10:03. Other officers present, Vice president Dave Rich, Treasurer Bill Jagoda, Secretary Rick Beebe. There were 30 attendees

Visitors: Noah is a new pilot. Drove up from Westchester!

Treasurers report. Current balance \$4,496.13.

Dave Matuska's Kitfox is coming along nicely. There's a nice write up in the newsletter. He's fitting the cowling now.

Tom Spitler reported that a cylinder cracked on his and Donna's Piper. It's gone to Columbia for a rebuild.

Doug Dringoli's Hatz is on the airport so he can fit the wings to the fuselage.

The RV-12 is already up to 720 hours.

Young Eagle rally was postponed because of weather.

The South Ramp project at the airport is moving along. It looks like the paving is complete. Tie downs and striping are upcoming.

Saturday, January 6 is our annual Holiday Banquet at the Manor Inn in Southington. Same menu as last year. A flyer will be coming soon.

--Rick Beebe, Secretary

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Young Eagles

The Third time was the Charm!

After two weather cancelations, we finally pulled off our Fall Young Eagles Rally! Although we lost a number of pilots and participants due to the multiple cancellations, we successfully flew 40 Young Eagles on 11/11/23. With the help of over 20 Chapter members who unselfishly volunteered their time and talents, we had many smiling faces on the participants and family members who attended. With the steady, manageable pace, there were many opportunities to chat with families about the many opportunities available to youth within our Chapter and within aviation in general. Some stats from the rally:

Participants: 64% male, 36 % female

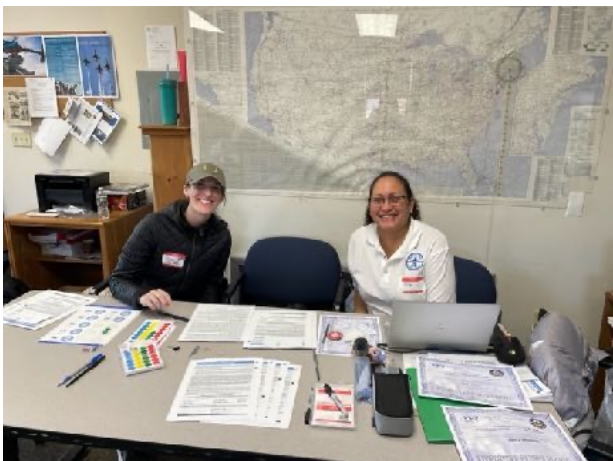
58% first time flyers, 11% have had 5 or more flights!

City residence most represented: Meriden (which is one of our goals)

Thanks to all of our dedicated Young Eagles Volunteers for another safe and successful Rally!

Donna Shea

Ground Volunteers



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Volunteer Pilots and Young Eagles



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The History of the "Pilot Sandwich"

Did you know that there is a "secret" ingredient that has helped to ensure that our Young Eagles Rallies stay safe and incident free? Well, it is a tradition that Young Eagles volunteers have participated in since 1995. According to Fran and Barb Uliano, years ago when they were handed the reins to coordinate the Young Eagles Rallies, they were also given the recipe for the "Pilot Sandwich" which had been made since 1995 for the volunteers who worked the Young Eagles Rallies. When I was asked to take over coordinating the Young Eagles Program by Brian and Traci Rechtiene, Traci and Barb immediately told me about my responsibility to make these special sandwiches the night before the rally to make sure that the pilots and volunteers weren't going all day without eating! The recipe (below) was carefully written down and given to me by Barb Uliano. I have not dared to waver from the recipe or the success of the sandwich in granting us sustainability and safety at each of our rallies that have followed. Our many Chapter 27 volunteers who have seen me "pushing" these sandwiches at our rallies now know why they have become an important part of our successful safety tradition! Those of you who have had these sandwiches know that they are an unusual, yet welcome addition to a very busy day doing what we love to do! And that is the story behind the "Pilot Sandwich!"

Donna Shea

Ray Aviation Scholar

I have been making excellent progress in my flight training, focusing on numerous takeoffs and landings.

Notably, my landings are becoming more proficient, and I've achieved greater stability during the base and final stages of the pattern. This newfound proficiency has given me an increased sense of control over the aircraft, allowing me to respond effectively to its needs and make precise adjustments to maintain control.

In addition to hands-on training, I have completed some in-person ground school and continued my learning through online ground school to prepare for my written test.

Overall, I'm advancing both in my practical flight skills in the cockpit and my theoretical knowledge of aviation.

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Tech Tip of the Month

Sometimes you need to hold a couple parts together in one hand, hold the cleco pliers in the other, and somehow get clecos into the pliers so you can insert them. A simple solution is to drill a bunch of holes in an old 2x4 to hold the clecos. You can easily grab each cleco with the pliers and insert into your aluminum part holes.



Meriden Airport

The south ramp paving is complete. It looks great. The next big project is major update to the conference room this winter.



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EAA CHAPTER 27 HOLIDAY BANQUET

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

MANOR INN RESTAURANT
1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike
Plantsville, CT. 06479
860-628-9877

Directions at: www.manorinnrestaurant.com and click "about"

5-6 PM Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres
6 PM Dinner

ALL MEAL SELECTIONS INCLUDE FRUIT CUP, ZITI AND DESSERT

Filet Mignon.....\$50
Chicken Parmigiana.....\$40
Salmon with Apricot glaze...\$40
Eggplant Parmigiana.....\$40

Please be sure to bring a grab bag gift for each guest

2022 HOLIDAY BANQUET

Name: _____ Number attending: ____

Entree Selection(s): please indicate quantity

___ Filet Mignon.....\$50 ___ Chicken Parmigiana.....\$40
___ Broiled Salmon.....\$40 ___ Eggplant Parmigiana.....\$40

Please enclose check for your total amount, make check payable to: "EAA Chapter 27",
And forward along with this form to:

Bill Jagoda
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Rockfall, CT. 06481

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Preflight Exhaust Inspection

What an easy preflight action that can provide you information about how the airplane's engine is running.

https://www.eaa.org/videos/6340809630112?utm_source=ehotline_231109&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=hints_2023&mkt_tok=OTEwLVNFVS0wNzMAAAG-PVUZtupTgKOdoAhH2sNx6WHU-QhvveZRHv-Fc_jdzlY0hGWbJTtUAtUyTrdQagtnoFJ4Uw-A3mAUM-g73PqYDbA5RCALqx1czHUyTlXFiEjSUonw#

Hartford-Brainard Airport the latest status

This website details the activities of the firm contracted to perform the "Hartford Brainard Airport Study" - <https://hartfordbrainardairportstudy2023.com/>
Details of the study results to date are available under the "reports" tab.

Apartments won't fly at Hartford-Brainard Airport property, study concludes
[https://www.nhregister.com/business/article/study-finds-apartments-won-t-fly-on-brainard-land-18459916.php?utm_campaign=CMS%20Sharing%20Tools%20\(Premium\)&utm_source=share-by-email&utm_medium=email](https://www.nhregister.com/business/article/study-finds-apartments-won-t-fly-on-brainard-land-18459916.php?utm_campaign=CMS%20Sharing%20Tools%20(Premium)&utm_source=share-by-email&utm_medium=email)

The report's leaked findings that the airport should stay open but close down one...
(New Haven Register Liese Klein Staff writer November 1, 2023)

Cash-Strapped Van's Announces 'Recovery Plan'

By [Marc Cook](#) -

October 27, 2023

<https://www.avweb.com/aviation-news/cash-strapped-vans-announces-recovery-plan/>

EAA Chapter 27 Year 2023 /2024 Events

December 17th, no meeting Meriden Open House

January 6th 2024 Holiday Dinner Manor Inn 5pm - 6pm cash bar dinner 6pm

EAA Chapter 1310 Year 2023 Events

Saturday December 9

Christmas Pot Luck Buffet

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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 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/>**

2024 Aviation Events

**April 9 - 14 Sun n' Fun Aerospace Expo 50th Anniversary Lakeland, FL
USAF Thunderbirds**

July 22 - 28 EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh

August 3 - 4 Great State of Maine Air Show Brunswick, ME USAF Thunderbirds

September 13-24 Green Mountain Aviation Field Days

Hello Everyone!

The Vermont Aviators Association, with support from BTV, Heritage, VFA, Beta Technologies and others, is bringing an "airshow" back to Burlington VT in September of 2024...the first one here since 2016! This is a Burlington event with all facets of the local government and business participating in the planning and execution of the event.

We have decided we want this to be a very Vermont event so will not be a traditional "airshow". Our theme will focus on the "Past, Present, and Future of Aviation" with a heavy emphasis on aviation education and STEM. We are hoping for Statewide participation from various organizations.

Our "Green Mountain Aviation Field Days" will take place at Burlington International Airport (BTV) and will include as much flying as possible keeping in mind the limited airspace around the airport and that commercial flights will be operating throughout the event. Anticipate a lot of aviation / aircraft static's, "touch a truck" and STEM type exhibits. We set up this website last week so please give us some time to get it going.

<https://www.greenmountainaviationfielddays.org/>

Our event will take place on Friday, 13th and Saturday 14th of Sept 2024, with the VTANG having a separate Open House on Sunday the 15th over on the Base. We did consider combining the events but the logistics were problematic so there will be two separate events...although there may be opportunities to participate in both events...more to follow.

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We would love to have your organization participate. Please let me know if you would be interested and any thoughts you may have to make this a phenomenal event. :)

Respectfully

Zip

S. Scott "Zip" Willits

Vermont Aviators Association

518-522-0017

vermontaviators.org



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 (203-988-319)



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EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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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](#)

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