

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter October 2025

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Next Meeting Sunday October 19th, 10 am Meriden Airport

October Presentation; History of EAA Chapter 27

Jim Simmons, a past president of EAA Chapter will provide a look back at that history of EAA Chapter 27. His presentation will share insight into some memorable past members and their contributions to our chapter.



Experimental Aircraft Association CHAPTER 27 NEWS

July 1999 ISSUE
Meetings held on the Third Sunday of the Month at Meriden-Warwick Airport, Meriden, CT

IMAGES from Chapter 27's 1999 FLY-IN



This Lincoln won both Grand Champion and people's choice awards



Mike Zemsta's new PWSA





Jim Simmons to be Honored at OSH
Anyone attending the EAA convention at Oshkosh this year will be able to witness our own Jim Simmons accept the EAA Major Achievement Award for 1999. The award ceremonies will be conducted in the Theater in the Woods on Thursday evening July 29, 1999 at 7:30PM.

Chapter Meeting Schedule
Our next EAA Chapter 27 meeting will be held on Sunday, July 18th 1999 at 10:00 AM.

Seminar For The July Meeting

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President's Message

With sadness I must tell you that Tom Spitler recently passed away. He had to step down from his Ray Scholar Coordinator position due to serious illness earlier this year. Tom was very dedicated to the Ray Scholar program which was a shining bright spot among our other successful youth activities. It really put us on the map with EAA. He will be missed. On a brighter note, Matt Valleau has agreed to take over as Ray Scholar coordinator. Matt has a lot experience working with youth in Civil Air Patrol. He is an active pilot and owns a Piper Arrow. I'm sure he will do well in his new position.

Young Eagles

A reminder, our October rally is scheduled for October 25th. If you are helping out please be sure to contact Donna Shea so she can coordinate. We set a new record for filling all our slots, 63 minutes! We are a victim of our success. The majority of kids are repeats which is good but with such a short time window new comers did not have much of a chance because they did not know how fast it fills. We will talk about having a mid-summer rally for first timers at the next meeting.

Ray Aviation Scholar 2025

Ethan has received his medical and applied for his student pilot certificate which should be ready on Tuesday. After that he sends in his application to EAA. He has been taking some orientation flights with CAP.

Meriden Run the Runway Road Race

The annual Run the Runway race on October 4th was a big success. The weather was perfect. The mayors of Meriden and Wallingford were in attendance. The chapter had the RV-12 and a Cessna 170 on display. A lot of people posed in front of each for pictures. Ethan, our Ray Scholar spent nearly the whole time shuffling kids in and out of the CAP Cessna. Donna Shea spoke too many women about becoming a pilot at the 99s tent. Fran Uliano spoke to many people who were amazed that high school kids built the RV-12.



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Youth Aviation Center

Sonex Build

We are moving along on the fuselage construction. However, sometimes mundane things take time. The dramatic shot below is everyone searching for parts! The kids are learning to stay organized. The aft fuselage is in its final drilling stage. We rearranged the workspace so we can start working on the forward fuselage at the same time.



Meriden Airport

New Hangars

Building materials arrived Oct 9th and construction started right away. The basic frame is already up. Completion will be towards the end of the year.



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Tech Tip

After maintenance is a time to perform an advanced preflight. Talk to the mechanic understand what maintenance was performed. Ensure the proper logbook entries were made. If you performed the maintenance or alteration, did you have someone else look over the work? This is a brief PDF that points out how to prepare and do an "Advanced Preflight"

<<https://www.faa.gov/sites/faa.gov/files/2022-01/Advanced%20Preflight%20After%20Maintenance.pdf>>

Up Coming Fly-in Events

November 8 - Chapter 1310 Pancake Breakfast (Skylark Airport)

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

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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/>

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.

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