

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter September 2022

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Next Chapter Meeting/Picnic
MMK Sept 18th, 11 am



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President's Message

We have our chapter picnic this month. It is a great time for good food and extended socializing. We have a number of new chapter members with interesting backgrounds. This is a good chance to meet them and discover what you have in common. Your network of friendships among chapter members is a wonderful aviation resource.

Meeting Minutes August 21, 2022

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10am. Other officers present, Vice President Dave Rich, Treasurer Bill Jagoda, Secretary Rick Beebe. There were 27 attendees. 4 more later showed up to hear Mike Falconi

Visitors, Josiah a former marine who is interested in becoming a helicopter pilot. James Calver originally from England. Planning on building a Vans RV-7a.

Treasurer's Report Bill Jagoda reports there is \$7,019.58. We've also received \$4000 for Lucy's Ray Scholarship.

Technical stuff: Doug Dringoli talked about the different qualities of tools. He compared a \$7 reamer with a \$27 reamer. The \$7 one was clearly deficient. Sometimes an inexpensive tool can be useful for limited use but other times the savings are not worth it. Dave is coming along with his Kitfox. Mike Zemsta visited Chris O'Connor's Compair 6 project. He's working on the fuel system.

Donna Shea reports that the Fall Young Eagles rally will be October 29 with a rain date of the 30th.

Ray Scholar Lucy, started flight training at the beginning of July but after 2 lessons the Cessna 172 broke. She's continuing in a Piper Cherokee. She's going to be changing to an Arrow. Getting close to solo. Is interested in becoming a charter pilot. The Arrow came from a 93 year old 99 member who bought the plane new 53 years ago.

CJ will be heading to Embry-Riddle next month

There will a paving project at the airport next month. The airport will remain open. More information later.

We voted to donate \$100 to the project restoring the old direction finding arrow at the Bethany Airport.

Chapter picnic will be September 18th.

Mike Falconi gave an interesting, and humorous, look at his life flying bush planes in Alaska, Maine and Louisiana.

--Rick Beebe, Secretary

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Young Eagles

Our Young Eagles Program and Registration process is now electronic! Parents/Guardians will now register participants online. This new process will allow us to better regulate the “traffic flow” of participants in order to have shorter wait times. Volunteer pilots and ground volunteers will also be enrolled in this electronic system in order to make communication about our events easier. Special THANKS goes to Janet Poppel for volunteering her time and technical expertise to help get this process off the ground! Please share our new flyer with anyone who may be interested in attending our next Young Eagles Program!

Donna Shea

Young Eagles Coordinator

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YOUNG EAGLES RALLY

Free Flights for Participants Ages 8 to 17

Saturday, 10/29/2022

Rain Date: 10/20/2022



Meriden Airport (KMMK)

213 Evansville Ave.

Meriden CT 06451



Participants must **PRE-REGISTER** at **[Young Eagles Day](https://youngeaglesday.org)**
(**<https://youngeaglesday.org>**)

A Parent/Guardian Must be Present

Questions? Contact Donna Shea at shea.donna@gmail.com

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Ray Aviation Scholar 2022

Lucy shares

So far my flight training has been going very well. I've been able to fly two to three times a week and feel that I am improving on maneuvers that I've been working on, along with tackling new and exciting challenges each time I fly. Rebecca, (my flight instructor) and I have exciting events planned for this month such as pattern work, cleaning up maneuvers, and even visiting an air show up in East Hampton.

When it comes to aircraft, I said goodbye to the Piper Cherokee 180 that I've been flying for this past month and said hello to the Piper Arrow that I will be using for my upcoming training. I cannot wait to complete my training in the Arrow not just because it is such a beautiful plane, but also because of its history.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to fly, and I look forward to exciting events and moments that are still to come. (Lucy)

Tom Spitler

Ray Aviation Scholar Coordinator

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Tech Tip of the Month

The weather is getting colder and tire pressures drop some as the temperature does. It is important to keep your tires at the proper pressure. Too little pressure and side-wall stiffness reduces making turn handling more difficult. Too little pressure also can cause inner tubes to wear on the rim or tire. Parking flat spots will not develop near as much and takeoff rolls will be a little shorter with proper inflation pressure. Check your operating handbook for proper tire pressure. Often the nose and mains have different required pressures.



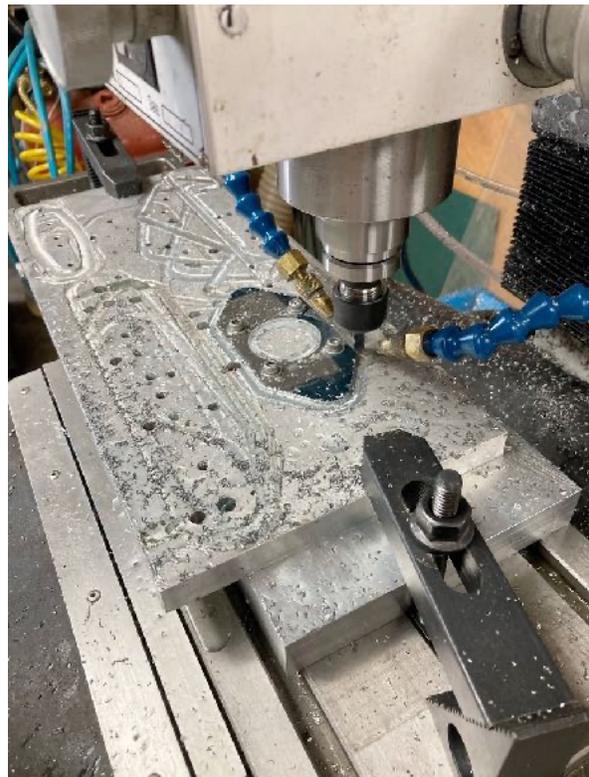
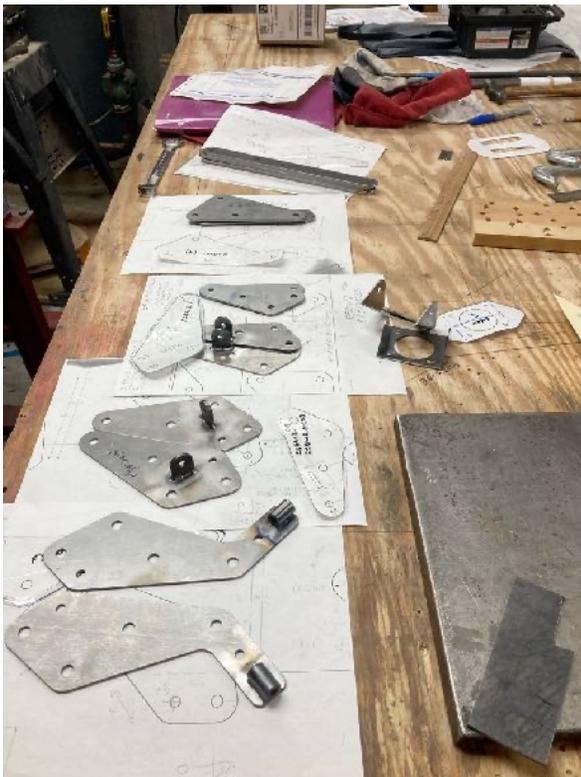
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MMK Airport Repaving

The North ramp and parts near the FBO building will be repaved soon if not by the time you receive this newsletter. Look for signs at the various gates when you arrive for entrance instructions. The airport and taxiways will remain open.

Chapter members projects

Doug Dringoli's Hatz Classic is coming along. He just finished making the bottom wing strut attach brackets. Fuselage is finish welded and off the table.



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Dave Matuska's Kitfox Speedster project both wings are now done through paint, and the fiberglass wing tips have been fitted and tail feathers are covered in prep for paint.



Scott Oloff's RV10 project is making progress with the cowl fitting coming to a completion. Next he's working on the wiring to supply power to the avionics



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Local Fly-in

Goodspeed airport (42B) had a very successful fly-in on Aug 27th. Dozens of airplanes and throngs of people were there. The word is that most people were from the immediate area. Let's hope this bodes well for future airport support and continued fly-ins.



Simsbury Fly-In & Car Show Looking for Volunteers

This will be the 42nd annual edition of the largest event of its kind in New England! It's a great family activity, like a special kind of country fair, centered around displays of over 700 beautiful cars and airplanes, with at least 20 food trucks offering a wide range of delicious things to eat, and many special activities.

If your only interest is to enjoy great things to eat, our food trucks will arrive the day prior to the regular show, from 11 AM on Saturday, Sept. 24. That day will be food trucks ONLY. The full event, including a second day of food trucks, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25. Come either day, or both.

Here are some of the activities planned for this year. We'll be adding more as they are confirmed.

- Pipestrel All-electric powered airplane display and flight demo
- Crafts persons and local businesses displaying their wares
- AT-6 World War 2 Training Plane Rides
- Helicopter Rides (Two helos available)
- Demonstration flights by Aquiline Drones
- Kaman KMAX Helicopter Flight and Fire Fighting Demonstration
- Live Music - The Melon Farmers Rock Band
- Hartford Hospital Lifestar Helicopter
- Yankee Clippers Formation Flying Team

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- Free group presentations for Car and Airplane Fans
- Gyroplane Flight Demonstration
- New Car/New Airplane Dealers
- And a great food truck festival featuring at least 20 trucks!

The Simsbury Fly-In and Car Show depends on the help of more than a hundred volunteers from the local community. Many of our volunteers return year after year because it is a fun experience, a chance to renew acquaintances with old friends, and it keeps our airport in operation.

Please help with our event. Work a few hours, half the day, or the entire day - your choice. There are many tasks available: greeting spectators, food service, parking cars and airplanes, setting up and tearing down the venue, and much more.

Our volunteers each receive a free t-shirt, free parking and lunch tokens.

We will be grateful for your volunteer assistance. Please go to the following link and submit the requested information - <https://goo.gl/forms/rS8IEWUh6KFTCwzW2> .

Thanks for helping!

MT Tobe N41 Waterbury Annual Fly-in and camp

Come enjoy the fun October 21,22,23, STOL competition, pumpkin drop contest, and more - stay tuned for more information



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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 Hartford Jet Center, 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/>

2022 Aviation Events

Chapter 1310 Events

Saturday October 15 - Tail Dragger & Vintage Fly-In & Safety Seminar

Saturday November 5 - Pancake Breakfast

EAA Chapter 196 Myricks Fly-in, Sunday, September 18, 2022 10:30 am to 3 pm,
Come join Chapter 196 and pilots from the New England region for their annual fall
fly-in and cook-out at Myricks Field (1M8) in Berkley, MA.

Featuring:

- Airplanes - vintage, modern, ultralight, and experimental
- Classic cars
- Burgers and dogs from the EAA 196 grill
- Candy drop, and more

All in the intimate setting of an old-time grass airfield. Myricks Airport, 168 Padelford
Street, Berkley, MA 02779

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<https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa196/google-calendar/myricks-fly-in>

06/18/2022 - 10/16/2022 Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Weekend Airshows,
Rhinebeck, NY

The Saturday "History of Flight" program highlights the Pioneer era before WWI, a
WWI Show teaser, and the Golden Age of Aviation in the '20s and '30s.

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The Sunday Show is our WWI dog fight spectacular with a hero, a heroine (Cheer!), the villainous Black Baron of Rhinebeck (Boo!), scenery, pyrotechnics and a WWI tank. The supporting cast includes many antique automobiles. <https://oldrhinebeck.org>

09/24/2022 - 09/25/2022 Simsbury Fly-In, Car Show & Food Truck Festival
(Food trucks only on September 24)

Short takeoff and Landing Events captured the hearts and minds of aviation enthusiasts around the world in 2021. Make sure to put some of 2022's STOL events on your calendar.



ArkanSTOL Ozark Backwoods Challenge: September 28th to October 2nd Perhaps the most challenging of the STOL events is the [ArkanSTOL Ozark Backwoods Challenge](#) at [Byrd's Adventure Center](#) near Ozark, Arkansas. September 28 - October 2nd. This event challenges even the most seasoned STOL competitors with timed events consisting of landing and taking off on multiple runways nestled in windy valleys. [ArkanSTOL website](#) for updates.

STIHL National Championship Air Races: Two birds with one stone might be the best way to describe the [STIHL National Championship Air Races and Air Show](#). Not only will you see warbirds, jets, biplanes, and other aircraft types race around some of aviation's most famous pylons, but you will also be able to enjoy the STOL Drag series. The event takes place Reno, Nevada September 14 through 18.

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High Sierra Fly-In: The High Sierra Fly-In is the only STOL event on our list on a dry lakebed in the middle of the Nevada desert. The event will be in October 13th-16th and will include days of action-packed STOL Drag events and competitions. The growing event encourages all pilots to fly in to compete for their first time or to relax and hang out with other aviation enthusiasts.

Classifieds

We have 12 stackable storage containers left over from the RV-12 build. They measure 15 x 8.5 x 7 inches. Make a chapter donation and take as many as you want. Talk to Mark.



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

Pair of Airhawk 7.00 x 6 tires and inner tubes, 85% tread remaining, in excellent condition, \$150. Mark Scott

The Spirit of Meriden Flight Club needed to replace the nose gear fork and strut to comply with a service bulletin. If anyone would like the old nose fork and nose gear strut for some creative project contact

Mark Scott (mwscott2@comcast.net)



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EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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*

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