

# EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter September 2024

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## Next Meeting September 21<sup>st</sup>, Meriden Airport

The September meeting is our annual picnic from 11-2. We will conduct a short meeting, have planes on display, and lots of food. Please bring a dish or desert for all to enjoy. This year we will have fresh ears of corn for a roast and butter dip!



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## President's Message

Please come to the annual chapter picnic on September 21<sup>st</sup>. There is always lots of good food and this year we will have fresh corn from a local farm.

We are planning a fly out to Vermont later in the month. See details below.

Our Young Eagles Rally is October 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to fly kids be sure to contact Donna Shea so she can plan accordingly.

## Minutes

### Meeting Minutes August 18, 2024

Mark Scott, President, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. A total of 27 members and guests attended the meeting. One new member, John Crankshaw, and three guests were recognized. A father and son had made a connection to our Chapter through the Aviation Museum; Tom Spitler introduced Jake, a high school senior with 13 hours of flying time and an interest in the USAF; Jeff Nicky, recently retired, a 500-hour pilot from Stamford, rounded out Chapter guests.

Mark reminded the group that new Chapter mugs and denim shirts are for sale.

Treasurer Bill Jagoda reported that our current cash balance is \$2,917.03 and that our CD is \$42,345.26. The CD has been reinvested for 13 months and expires on September 12, 2025, with an anticipated \$2,300 (approx.) of interest. Treasurer Jagoda also reported that \$1,000 had been withdrawn from the CD to be used for a scholarship. The details of the scholarship are to be determined. He also reported that the Chapter sent flowers to the family of the recently passed Joe Gauthier, a greatly respected member of Chapter 27 and Chapter 166.

During the technical discussion and project updates, Dave Matuska reported that he has finished painting his Kitfox and discussed the challenges of painting a checkerboard pattern rudder. He anticipates moving his Kitfox to KMMK in a few weeks.

Isabelle assisted Mark with the annual for his Bearhawk, helping with several checks, including a compression test. Mark noted that Isabelle was "a great help."

Young Eagle Chair, Donna Shea, announced a mini-Young Eagles rally, expecting 10 scouts, on September 28 with a rain date of September 29. She also reported a larger Young Eagle rally on October 26 (rain date October 27). Ten pilots are needed, and we currently have five volunteer pilots.

Anthony, our Ray Aviation Scholar this year, gave a good report. He indicated that he has concluded ground school and plans to take the test soon. He indicated that he had some flying time in a 182 with a Chapter member and a great day gliding at Springfield, VT—a trip arranged by the Civil Air Patrol.

In old and new business, Mark reported that he and Steve Sokolovsky (from Chapter 166) have helped to clear out some of the late Joe Gauthier's aviation items, and a set of scales would be donated for use by both chapters to their respective tool cribs. He also reported that several chapter members attended Joe's services.

Several members reported on their great experiences at AirVenture/Oshkosh 2024, noting an amazing nighttime fireworks show with drones, many days with no rain(!),

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the near-unbelievable maneuverability of the F22 as noted in the POH, and a possible trip to New Zealand to fly a Bearhawk.

The Summer Wrap-Up Picnic date is set for 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, with setup beginning at 10 a.m. Mark noted he would be bringing a “corn roast”, corn and a vat of butter for dipping!

It was reported that the Parks and Rec day in late July at KMMK went very well, with lots of kids attending.

It was also reported that construction of the four new box hangars is expected to start this September.

The Goodspeed airport RAF workday is August 24 and 25, and the work group is expected to install platforms, a fire pit, a barbecue area, and information kiosks.

Mark announced that the October meeting guest speaker is Sarah Tamar, a member of the 99s, a seaplane and G5 pilot. She flies a Cessna Caravan on a regular basis onto the East River. Our November guest speaker is Chris Mayer, an instructor in aerobatics and upset recovery training.

As is customary, our December meeting will be the airport holiday open house. Our annual dinner is the first Saturday of 2025—Saturday, January 4, 2025.

Our guest speaker, attending in person, was Tom Culbert. Tom was an instructor pilot in the B-25G aircraft and part of a select group of US Air Force officers trained as “Africanists.” Tom has authored the book Pan Africa that tells the true story of American civilians deployed in August 1941 by Pan Am to work in the war zone in Africa. These Americans provided direct support to the Royal Air Force. Tom gave a lively presentation on this little-known topic of American history and signed several of his books.

## Ray Aviation Scholarship Update

This month, I've been hard at work studying for my Private Pilot Written exam. From FAA regulations and cross-country planning to intricate aircraft systems and operations, I didn't expect to cover this wealth of information in such a short amount of time! It's been a fun and challenging journey studying for the written and I'm looking forward to sharing how the test will go with you all very soon!

I've once again had the opportunity to go glider flying and have developed quite a passion for it since the first time I flew. I met up with one of the main instructors I'll be flying with (Josh), and had the opportunity to get to fly with him out of Meriden to get a feel of how the next few months will look like. From what I can see, CAP is very thorough in their training and I'm grateful to know that I'll be led by such amazing instructors in my time pursuing the Ray Aviation Scholarship.

I feel incredibly lucky to know that I have the support of the chapter and I couldn't imagine doing this in any other way. Safe flying and stay tuned for more flying updates in the coming months!

**Anthony**

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## Tech Tip of the Month

Here is a handy gadget for installing or removing your engine. It is called a “Heavy Load Leveler”. This one is made by Pittsburgh Automotive. It can be difficult to make the final engine alignment with the engine mount by adjusting the lifting chains or ropes. This allows you to level the engine with the mounts before you back it on or remove it. You can find this at Harbor freight and other stores. It might make a good tool for our tool crib.



## Mechanic in Training

Isabelle, our EAA Air academy attendee from last year is becoming quite helpful working on members airplanes. So far she has helped do compression checks, change tires, brakes, exhaust systems, as well as remove and install numerous inspection covers on a Glastar, RV-12, and Bearhawk. Looks like her Dad will have lots of help if and when he decides to build his plane!



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## Chapter 27

Dave Matuska is truly at the 99% complete level on his Kitfox. He plans to move it to the Meriden North Hangar the second week in September. In preparation Dave and Mark spent time cleaning and organizing the North hangar as well as fixing the ancient doors. After 2 ½ days of work it is much cleaner and the doors open almost all the way now. They are still a bit stiff to open so new wheels are planned in the near future.



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## Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF)

From chapter member Brian Thomas.

We had a very successful work party at Goodspeed (42B) over the weekend! On Saturday Aug 24 th we had a great turnout of about 12-15 folks including Joe Bogacki and Mark Scott from Chapter 27. Everyone was enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and had construction expertise. I had only anticipated being able to complete two of the four tent platforms on Saturday, but as it turned out by 1pm we had all the tent platforms built, the grill installed, the fire pit area laid out as well as the kiosk holes dug! Bill, one of the airport owners, was kind enough to grill some lunch for us. Afterwards we finished a few odds and ends before calling it a day around 2pm.



On Sunday it became apparent we only had a few hours of work to complete. We had about 7 folks show up and we were able to trim all the landscape fabric under the tent platforms, complete the fire pit with stone, set up the kiosk, and even had enough time to build an impromptu firewood rack to offload a truckload of donated firewood! The only item left to complete is to assemble and deliver the fire rings once they arrive from Montana. The project has been well-received and I have already seen discussions online about groups of pilots planning a flight down for camping! Bill and I are already talking about additional projects for next year to include picnic tables, a toilet (hopefully vault-style) as well as a pavilion.



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## Meriden Airport

### New Hangar Construction

The contract has been awarded for construction of the new South box hangars. Construction is expected to begin late September or early October.

## Sugarbush Airport Fly Out Sept 28<sup>th</sup>

The Soaring school at Sugarbush Airport (OB7) is having a fund raiser cook out at their airport Sept 28th. The colors should look great at this time so it should be a beautiful flight. Mark is coordinating a fly out after our invitational Young Eagle Rally that morning. Let him know if you are interested in going. More information can be found at the link below. In particular they have a unique pattern entry procedure to mix with the glider operations.

<https://helpyouthsoar.org/events/fall-fly-in>



The flyer features an orange and white color scheme. At the top left, there is a logo with a white glider flying over a row of white leaves, with the text "Sugarbush Soaring OB7" below it. In the top right corner, a white speech bubble contains the text "SATURDAY SEPT 28TH 10:30-2:30". The center of the flyer is dominated by a large circular image showing a scenic view of a golf course and surrounding forest with vibrant autumn foliage. Below this image, the text "FALL FLY-IN" is written in large, bold, orange letters. At the bottom left, there is a circular logo for "FLIGHT EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH" with a glider icon and the text "WE HELP YOUTH SOAR!". To the right of this logo, the text reads "BBQ proceeds to benefit Flight Experience For Youth" in orange, followed by the tagline "Giving youth the opportunity to learn about and experience the world of flight" in blue. At the bottom left, there is a line of text: "Rain date on Sunday. Please see helpyouthsoar.org for arrival procedures at OB7". At the bottom center, the text "Sugarbush Soaring, Warren VT" is displayed. On the bottom right, there is a QR code.

Sugarbush Soaring  
OB7

SATURDAY  
SEPT 28TH  
10:30-2:30

**FALL  
FLY-IN**

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Sugarbush Soaring, Warren VT



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## Chapter 27 Young Eagles

Save the date, next rally is October 26th and rain date 27th)

## EAA Chapter 1310 Next Events

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming EAA Chapter 1310 events in 2024 at Skylark Airport:

**October 5, 2024** - Taildragger Fly-In, Safety Seminar & Cookout

**November 2, 2024** - Pancake Breakfast 8:30 - 11:00am

**December 7, 2024** - Christmas Pot Luck Buffet Dinner 6:00 PM - 9:00am

## 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  
Laura Doherty | [laurado@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:laurado@sas.upenn.edu) - [EAA.org/VMC](http://EAA.org/VMC)

**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/>

## 2025 Aviation Events

**April 1 – 6** Sun n' Fun Aerospace Expo, Lakeland, FL  
US Navy Blue Angels

**July 21 – 27** EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI

**September 6 – 7** Thunder over New Hampshire, Portsmouth, NH  
US Navy Blue Angels  
<https://thunderovernewhampshire.com/>

## 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 (203-988-3197)

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## Sonex Project For Sale

Partially built Sonex A model kit. Two seat tailwheel. A 140 mph aircraft at 42 mpg! Everything needed to complete except instruments. Very good build quality, polished aluminum. Sonex VW engine still in crate. Over \$30k invested. Make offer. Plans Serial # 1626. Contact Henry A. Casas (EAA# 653550) Home: 860-354-9635, Cell: 203-770-2836, email; [Quiqecasas@aol.com](mailto:Quiqecasas@aol.com)



## 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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