

# EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter August 2021

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**Next Meeting MMK**  
**August 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am**

**Laurie And Arianna  
Strand Will Tell us About  
Their Pelican Rescue  
Flight Last February**



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## President's Message

We have lots of planning to do. A couple e-mails have been sent regarding the airport shutdown starting on or about August 15<sup>th</sup>. You need to have your plane moved by then or you will not be able to fly. During that time the Chapter has offered to repair and repaint the tetrahedron. The tail needs to be straightened and the entire thing painted. The airport has the paint. Let me know if you would like to help. I think it will be a fun project. We have an opportunity for our next big project with the money from the RV-12 sale. Bring your ideas to the next meeting. Remember it takes money and dedicated people to make things happen. EAA has great little kits for kids to build wing ribs and aluminum and little aluminum airplanes like they do at Kid Venture. We need to talk about a Young Eagles build day sometime soon. Finally, our next Young Eagle rally needs to be scheduled. It may have to be late October or early November to be sure the airport work is completed. We will discuss that at the next meeting as well. See you there!

## Tech Tip

We just purchased a VC-400 borescope for the chapter. It was \$50 off at AirVenture and we receive a 30% cost reimbursed from EAA as part of their tool crib program. This is a great tool for inspecting hard to see places in your airplane. It is particularly useful for inspecting engine valve condition because the tip can be curled back 180 degrees. We have a color poster from AOPA showing various valve conditions. You need to hook it up to a lap top computer or tablet. The chapter has a list of tools available from individuals and the chapter on the web site. Contact me when you would like to sign any of them out. (Mark)



## Ray Aviation Scholar 2021

Met with CJ, flight instructor and his father yesterday. Things are going well even with all the weather we had in July. He has close to 20 hours in at the moment and should be in a position to solo by mid month. He seems really excited by what he has done so far and is looking forward to the moment he gets too solo. Ground school is coming along and I encouraged him to get that done as soon as possible. I don't know that he has had any issues flying at this point. I am sure issues will develop along the way. He and the instructor seem to be on the same page. I think the concept that EAA has with the mentoring and the meeting between all parties involved in the flight training is the right way to go to achieve the 90% success rate. It was a good discussion between all the people involved. I hope in my next report I can say he has soloed and is moving on in his flight training. You can just see the excitement in him and his commitment to get the job done.

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## Chapter 27

The chapter had at least half a dozen people at AirVenture this year. A scary thunderstorm weather forecast for Wednesday night forced Mark and his son to fly home. Dave bugged out south, found a hangar for the night, and flew back Thursday. Laurie and Donna stuck it out and escaped damage. It was close though. Hail was reported about 10 miles away that night.

### Mark's Bearhawk and Dave's Glastar at Oshkosh



### MMK

The airport received its grant from the FAA. The airport will be repaved and new lights will be installed. Airport shutdown for about two months will begin on or around August 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be no rent for airplanes off field. Rent will be 50% for those that stay during the airport shutdown.

Constance said the chapter could have a batch of runway lights with support posts. If you would like one let me know. This is also a great fundraising opportunity. Runway lights sell for good money on e-bay. I bet we could do well selling on line. All we need is a "warehouse", cardboard boxes, and people willing to box up shipments. (Mark)

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## FAA Airport Improvement Project notice to tenants

MMK Tenants,

We anticipate our FAA grant for the runway/taxiway rehabilitation project to be released within the next 2 weeks. At this time we are tentatively planning the airport closure to begin mid-August. Construction will begin the week of **8/16 OR 8/23** and will continue 60 days for shutdown thru mid-October. A NOTAM will be placed once the start date is confirmed.

Below is a list of contacts for alternative airports if you choose to relocate during the shutdown.

**4B8 - PLAINVILLE AIRPORT 860-747-5519** Contact: Lynn or Lisa @ Interstate Aviation

**KOXC - WATERBURY OXFORD AIRPORT 203-264-6525** Contact: Maria @ Atlantic Aviation or Matt Kelly 860-818-5848 @CAA

**KHFD - HARTFORD BRAINARD AIRPORT 860-548-9334** Contact: Mandy or Lindsey @ Hartford Jet Center

**KSNC - CHESTER AIRPORT 860-526-4321** Contact: Jean @ Chester FBO

**KHVN - NEW HAVEN AIRPORT 203-467-9555 X:1** Contact: Customer Service @ Robinson Aviation

If you opt to stay at MMK during the runway closure your hangar or tie-down fee will be discounted 50% per month.

More updates will follow once we have firm dates. Any questions, please don't hesitate to call or drop by.

Thank you,

***Constance Castillo***

**Airport Manager-City of Meriden**

**Meriden Markham Airport**

**213 Evansville Ave**

**Meriden, CT 06451**

**203-630-2878**

***A firm date should be set after a meeting August 9th. Management is anticipating August 16th and no later than August 23rd.***

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## Spirit of Meriden Flight Club

The plane is flying regularly as the new members are receiving training and getting checked out. We began the new nose wheel fairing work required with the new nose gear fork. We expect to have it completed by the middle of August.



## Memberships Available

**Fly cheap with the latest in aviation tech.  
5 gal/hr fuel burn and no more “steam gauges”**

The club owns a newly built RV-12 which is a light sport category airplane suitable for both light sport and private pilot training. A video of its first flight can be viewed here: <http://www.eaa27.org/>

The RV-12 is equipped with a modern 4 stroke Rotax 912 ULS and the Dynon Skyview HDX with synthetic vision, EFIS, EMS and ADS-B.



The club is structured as a CT 501c(7) not for profit, non stock corporation. Membership assumes all officer roles and manages all corporate functions including: oversight, scheduling, maintenance and finances.

If interested, please contact either Mark Scott (203.988.3197) or Dave Rich (860.638.9087) for details.

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## Places to fly to:

### KEEN Dillant-Hopkins Keene New Hampshire

Mama McDonoughs Irish Restaurants now open

PALS BBQ benefit planned for a Saturday in October (PALS - Free Medical and Compassion Flights for Patients and Veterans)

Monadnock Aviation complimentary ice cream sandwiches Saturday afternoons in August

Monadnock Aviation Summer News 2021

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Monadnock-Aviation-Summer-News.html?soid=1102664684766&aid=HrKQxHvHf4o>

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## EAA Chapter 1310

Corn Roast & Cookout

East Windsor, CT

**Saturday, August 14, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

### WHAT:

You are invited to join us for our Corn Roast and Cookout! We get the freshest corn, picked the morning of the event. Besides corn, enjoy delicious hamburgers and hotdogs right off the grill, plus watermelon and soft drinks. All you can eat for a \$8 donation. Rain date, Sunday, August 15. We look forward to seeing you at Skylark!

### WHERE:

Skylark Airpark

54 Wells Rd.

East Windsor, CT 06016

### CONTACT US:

Glenn Lees, President

860-281-1310 or [info@eaa1310.org](mailto:info@eaa1310.org)

[Click here](#) for more information.

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## New England Air Museum

### Space Expo

Saturday August 21, 2021 9:00am to 4:00 pm

The New England Air Museum's annual celebration of all things aerospace is back! This in-person special event will feature former NASA Astronaut Susan Kilrain as well as guests from our region's aerospace industry, activities for children and families, and much more! Stay tuned for event updates including activity schedules, VIP experiences such as our annual Breakfast with an Astronaut, and ticket sales.

### ***Space Expo 2021 Keynote Speaker:***

#### **Former NASA Astronaut Susan Kilrain**

Meet former NASA Astronaut Susan Kilrain at this year's *SPACE EXPO*! Susan Kilrain (Commander, USN, Ret.) is a veteran of two space flights and one of only three women to ever pilot the Space Shuttle. A graduate of the Naval Test Pilot School, she has over 3,000 flight hours in more than 30 different aircraft including the F-14 Tomcat. She holds a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a master's degree in aerospace engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology. She retired from NASA in 2002 and the U.S. Navy in 2005. Susan Kilrain's public lecture and meet and greet times will be announced soon.

**See Commander Kilrain's Bio:**

[https://www.neam.org/shell.php?page=2020\\_space\\_expo\\_kilrain\\_bio](https://www.neam.org/shell.php?page=2020_space_expo_kilrain_bio)  
<https://www.neam.org/home.php>



## 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>

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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/ea.org/>

## 2021 Aviation Events

**Rhinebeck Aerodome - Air Shows start on June 19 and 20.**

The stars are the historic airplanes including our 1909 Bleriot, the oldest regularly flying airplane in the Western Hemisphere; the Fokker DR-I Triplane, the most famous fighter of WWI; and a precise replica of the Spirit of St. Louis, which was the first aircraft to fly NY to Paris in 1927. While aircraft rotate on and off the flightline, usually 15-20 are flyable for our shows.

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.

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>

**August 13 - 15 Greenwood Lake Airshow** Greenwood Lake Airport, West Milford, NJ  
<http://www.greenwoodlakeairshow.com/performers/>

**August 14 - 15 Westfield International Air Show, Barnes ANGB, Westfield, MA**  
USAF Thunderbirds <https://www.westfieldairshow.org/> **Canceled**

**August 21** Goodspeed Airport in East Haddam is planning a "fly-in" for the weekend for, more information on the Goodspeed Fly-In, visit: <https://www.youngpilots.org/42bflyin>

**August 28 - 29 New York Air Show, Stewart Int'l Airport, Newburgh, NY**  
<https://airshowny.com>

**September 25 - 26 Simsbury Fly-In, Car Show and Food Truck Festival**

Saturday will be food trucks ONLY. There will be no Fly-In or Car Show on Saturday. The full event, including a second day of food trucks, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 26. Come either day, or both.

We'll feature displays of 700 beautiful airplanes and cars, amazing things to eat from 25 food trucks, and many exciting activities for the entire family.

Craftspersons and local businesses displaying their wares, AT-6 World War 2 Training Plane Rides, Helicopter Rides (Two helos available), New Car/New Airplane Dealers, Kaman KMAX Helicopter Fire Fighting Demo, Live Music, Hartford Hospital Lifestar Helicopter, Yankee Clippers Formation Flying Team, Free Seminars for Cars and Airplane Fans, Banner Tow Pickup Demonstration, GyroPlane Display and Flight, Radio Control Model Airplane Aerobatics <http://simsburyflyin.com/>

**September 4 - 5 Cape Cod Airshow & Open House, JB Cape Cod, Buzzards Bay, MA**  
US Navy Blue Angels **Canceled**

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September 11-12 Pease ANGB Airshow & Open House, Pease ANGB, Portsmouth, NH  
USAF Thunderbirds <https://www.157arw.ang.af.mil/Airshow-2021/>

## 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

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

Mark Scott ([mwscott2@comcast.net](mailto:mwscott2@comcast.net))

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## *Reminder Chapter Dues for 2021*

### 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*

(Please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

EAA Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot rating held: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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If anyone has something they would like to share in our newsletter, places of interest to fly too, your airplane build project, articles, flight experiences, etc. please forward them to Joe "[newsletter@eaa27.org](mailto:newsletter@eaa27.org)"

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