

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter July 2025

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**Next Meeting Sunday August 17th,
New England Air Museum, 10 am**



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President's Message

No meeting in July. Enjoy the middle of summer. If you attend AirVenture take pictures for our next newsletter.

Our next meeting is in August at the New England Air Museum. Bill has arranged for a tour of the restoration facilities after the meeting. Contact Bill Jagoda and let him know if you are attending. Attendees have full access to the museum after the meeting and tour.

The Commemorative Brick Fundraising campaign is closed. We received over 20 orders. We expect to have them delivered and installed by the chapter picnic.

Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2025

Officers Present

Mark - Yes

James - No

Bill - Yes

Rick - No

Attendance

Lower than usual attendance this month.

Visitors

Tracy Dressel and son Carson. Mark took Carson for a Young Eagles flight after the meeting.

Ronny and his wife. Ronny is local and has an aircraft coming to Meriden.

Treasurers Report

Current Balance \$2,612

Newsletter

Some people reported that they could not open the newsletter. A fix was made and seemed to work.

Youth Programs

Donna reported that some boys in Bridgeport have said they are not getting the newsletter. Need to check if they are actually listed as members.

Young Eagles

June event moved to Sunday and started late due to weather. 49 Flights completed. No issues encountered.

Next event 10/25/25.

Ray Scholarship Update

Anthony has completed all of his cross country requirements.

Now preparing for his check ride which is targeted for August.

Sonex Build

The project now been committed.

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Help will be needed on June 29th for the hangar swap.

Planning to move the Sonex into the hanger the following week. Will need some help and a truck.

Planning a plane wash as the first fund raiser.

Old & New Business:

Memory Pavers Fund Raiser

Lower than expected interest.

Need to send an email blast reminder.

New England Air Museum Meeting 8/17

Tour has been organized.

Note: No chapter meeting in July due to Oshkosh so August is the next meeting.

Tetrahedron

Doug has a plan developed which completes the base repair before painting.

Paint due to arrive Wednesday 6/25/25

Brainard Tower Visit

No plan developed yet.

Aluminum Welding

Mark to contact a person who has a specialist machine.

Events

Hartford-Brainard tower/ATC tour - No date yet

Vintage aircraft and tail wheel fly in - 9/6/25 proposed date.

Bob Maher

Ray Aviation Scholar 2024

This past month of training has encompassed a lot of polishing up on my maneuvers and really beating up every oral question as much as possible. I'm at a point where I can finally say that I feel fully ready and go all-in when I show up on the day of my checkride. I'm in no rush, and I'd rather be fully ready than half-ready for when the day comes along. No matter what happens, I feel beyond grateful for the help that my instructor Josh has given me and the overwhelming amount of support everyone from CAP and the chapter has showed me throughout this journey. Who knew that flight training could be such a life-changing experience! Moving forward, I'll take away so many great experiences and connections, and I don't think that I would rather be doing anything else. I hope everyone's doing well, and I can't wait to tell you all how everything goes next month.



Anthony Ortiz Osorio

Ray Aviation Scholarship Recipient 2024

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Tech Tip

When is it time to change a tire. I spoke with the Goodyear rep at Oshkosh one year. He said as long as you do not see the belts you are OK. That is getting pretty thin though. Generally, the best rule is when the tread is gone it's time to change. If the tread wears on the outside you can flip the tires and wear the tread on the other side. Don't wait until it gets like the tire below!



Projects and Planes

Rick Beebe swapped hangars with the Silver City Flying club. Everything went smoothly. We are looking for a date to move the Sonex. Unfortunately, Mark has to travel the week of the 6th to retrieve the club's RV-12 which has engine problems. A full report will be made in the next newsletter.



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Tetrahedron Repair

Doug Dringoli and others moved our sorry looking tetrahedron to the snow plow building last month. It is on its side now and Doug will be making a new support base and shaft. Once complete we will roll it up right, repair the structure and tail, and paint it.



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New England Air Museum Meeting in August

Bill Jagoda has arranged for another chapter meeting at the New England Air Museum. Space is limited so please sign up early. See below for details.

EAA Chapter 27 August 17, 2025 Meeting at the New England Air Museum



We will once again be holding our Sunday August 17, 2025 meeting at 10 AM at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks. In addition to having access to the museum, we will also again be given a private tour of both the restoration hanger and storage hanger. These hangers are not open to the public. The museum has given us a deep discount for this event; however, we are limited to 40 attendees. Cost is \$15 per person. Please mail a check and include the names of those attending to:

EAA Chapter 27
c/o Bill Jagoda
43 Derby Road
Rockfall, CT 06481

Payment may also be made at the June meeting or via PayPal or Venmo. Deadline for registration is August 15, 2025.

Names: _____

Names: _____

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Chapter 27 Young Eagles.

I missed including several photos in last months newsletter that Jose our Young Eagles photograph sent me. They really capture the special moments at our Spring Young Eagles Rally.



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Meriden Airport

Meriden Parks and Recreation summer camp airport field day

This years airport field day even though hot and steamy the kids enjoyed all the activities. It is an event that they all look forward to where they learn about airplanes and get to sit inside the different planes on display.



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New Hangars

The concrete slab for the new South hangars is complete. The building will not be constructed until late summer due to material delivery delays.

Federal Grants to three Connecticut Airports

Lutge K (2025.07.16) "3 Conn. airports receive nearly \$1M in federal grants" New Haven Register <https://edition.nhregister.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=5233b4d0-5498-43c4-87fd-91d07e88e8f0&share=true>

Westfield Air Museum 2025 Open House and Fly-In Schedule

July 19: Burger Burn Fly-In, Open House & Aviation Swap Meet

August 16: Afternoon Fly-In & Movie Night

September 13: 9 & Dine Annual Golf Tournament at East Mountain CC in Westfield

Up Coming Fly-in Events

August 8 & 9 2025 Crow Island Airfest Annual weekend fly-In

<<https://www.crowislandairpark.com/>>

August 9 - Chapter 1310 Corn Roast & Cookout

August 16 - Chapter 1641 Pancake Breakfast, gathering, and safety seminar Bloomsburg, PA. <<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1641>>

August 17 - Chapter 27 meeting will be held at the New England Air Museum.

October 11 - Chapter 968 Leaf-Peeper Fly-In Breakfast

November 8 - Chapter 1310 Pancake Breakfast

Chapter 27 Events

August 17 our meeting will be held at the New England Air Museum.

September 6 tailwheel fly-in at MMK

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/eaagroup/>

2025 Aviation Events

July 22 at 6 pm "MERIDEN IMC Club Monthly Meeting at KMMK" discuss Special VFR

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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