

# EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter June 2018

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## **Next Meeting, June 17<sup>th</sup> (10:00a.m.) Meriden Airport**

The May meeting presentation will be by Adrienne Romano from Survival Systems USA, Inc. She will be talking about the training they offer people for land and water survival including their famous dunk and roll in the dark tank.



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## President's Message

We finally have some decent weather so get out there and do your aviation thing! With that I have a request, please take pictures. We need to get more recent pictures on our web site. I would also like to have more from chapter members for our annual holiday party slide show. We have lots of members flying and building. Get your camera or cell phone out and record where you are flying and what you are building. There will be lots of photo opportunities at our Young Eagles rally.

## EAA Chapter 27 Meeting Minutes 05/20/2018

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10:00. Other officers present were Rick Beebe, Secretary; and Bill Jagoda, Treasurer. There were 15 attendees on a foggy Sunday morning.

Doc Forester was a long-time supporter of the airport. He passed away a couple of years ago at age 94. His grandsons have donated several dozen aircraft models to the airport. They'll be put on display here. Next year is the 100th anniversary of the first documented flight at Meriden-Markham airport.

The MMK Fly-in got rained out yesterday. It's been rescheduled for September 8.

Bill Jagoda reports we have \$4862.34 in the treasury. Jim Frier donated another \$100 to the RV-12 project.

Technical reports: Mike Zemsta reports the RV-7 project should be ready to move to the airport next month and hopefully will fly during the summer. Dave Rich talked about an inadvertent activation of the ELT in their RV-7a. It turns out to be static build-up on the cable from the ELT to the control panel. Adding a ferrite core over the cable seems to have fixed it. Rick Beebe talked about the uAvionix EchoUAT ADSB-out product that he recently bought.

June 9 is our Young Eagles rally.

Teens to Flight RV-12 is coming along. The canopy is being fitted. They turned the power on and everything came alive with no smoke. Good news. They're trimming the spinner.

Twelve Chapter members showed up for the airport cleanup day. We collected 15 bags of garbage.

June 23 there's a Pancake Breakfast at Skylark. All you can eat for \$6, real maple syrup.

Bill Jagoda reports that Brainard Airport is now charging a \$20 landing fee, waived if you buy fuel. The restaurant has new ownership and the food is good.

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Brian Rechiene has decided to change careers and become a professional pilot. He left his job and enrolled with ATP in Hartford. They are promising to get him through his Instrument, Commercial, Multi-engine and CFI-II ratings in 6 months. He gave a very interesting report on the program and his progress. Best of luck, Brian!

—Rick Beebe, Secretary

## Teens to Flight RV-12 Build Program

We turned the power on for the first time last month. No sparks or smoke! The Dynon installation and setup manuals together are over 400 pages! Dave Rich has been giving the manuals a good look over. A lot of the pages do not pertain to the RV-12 but there is still a lot to go through. Otherwise we continue to work on finishing the canopy, the spinner, and begin to complete the horizontal tail service bulletin.





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## Tech Counselor Tip

We are lucky this time of year with long summer evenings. On nice days the hour before sunset is usually very smooth as well as very pretty. This is a great time to take first timers or others uncomfortable with turbulence for rides. It is also a great time to check your rigging if you think the plane is a bit out of trim. If you are checking roll trim be sure you have equal amounts of fuel in each wing tank. It is also good to have a passenger to even out cockpit weight.

## Young Eagles

Young Eagles day was definitely the highlight of the month. Many thanks to Young Eagles Coordinator Brian Rehtiene for another successful Young Eagles event!

Brian expressed the success best.

"I want to first thank everyone for helping out today! We had great weather and flew officially 32 Young Eagles! Unofficially we flew 43 as we had so many pilots and kids just sitting around some went for a second flight. Therese once again did an awesome job with concession raised over \$200 for the RV-12 build. And thanks to Lauren for her photography skills!!

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Without everyone's help including the City of Meriden and Constance these rally's would not be possible!

Thanks!

Brian"





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## Chapter 27 and MMK Airport Activities

Once again the weather gods were not kind to the Meriden Fly in. Both the original and rain date were washed out. The fly-in has been postponed to September.

## Regional Activities

Chapter 1310 Meetings - 2nd Wednesday 7 PM April-October

2nd Saturday 10 AM November, January, February, March at Skylark Airport

### Chapter 1310 Events

Saturday June 23	8:30 - 11:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast
Saturday July 21	8:30 - 11:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast
Saturday August 18	11:00 AM - 2:30 PM	Corn Roast & Cookout
Saturday September 15	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Young Eagles Flights
Saturday October 13		Fall Safety Seminar
Saturday November 3	8:30 - 11:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast

Chapter 166 Meetings - Last Saturday of month 10:00 AM (Except July, Nov & Dec) at Hartford Jet Center, 20 Lindberg Drive, Hartford. <http://166.eaachapter.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/ea324/>



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## Other Aviation Events

June 9 - 10 Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Rhinebeck, NY

Opening weekend <http://www.ldrhonebeck.org>

July 13-15 Green Mountain Aerobatics Contest, Hartness State Airport, Springfield, VT

<https://www.iac.org/node/2315460>

July 14-15 Galaxy Community Council Great New England Air Show

Featuring the USAF Thunderbirds, Westover ARB, Chicopee, MA

<http://www.greatnewenglandairshow.com/>

July 23 - 29 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh, WI

[www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org)

August 25 Plymouth Air Show, Plymouth Municipal Airport, Plymouth, MA

<http://www.plymouthairshow.com/>

September 15 - 16 New York Air Show, Stewart International Airport, Newburgh, NY

[USAF Thunderbirds](#)

September 23 Simsbury Fly-in & Car Show, Simsbury, CT

<http://simsburyflyin.com/>

**Bayport Aerodrome Society's**  
***Pancake Breakfast***  
**Fundraiser With FAA Wings Safety Program**  
**Seminar 10:00am**



**Sunday June 24**      Pancakes \$6.00 Adults  
**8AM-1PM**      \$3.00 Children (under 12)

*Bayport Aerodrome Society*  
60 Vitamin Drive, Bayport NY  
[www.bayportaerodromesociety.org](http://www.bayportaerodromesociety.org)  
Contact: Jimmy Pancake @ 516-381-4408





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## You Can Become a Fighter Pilot! - September 10th - 13th, 2018

The Utah Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, Historic Wendover Airfield and the United States Army Air Forces Historical Unit (Arizona Ground Crew Living History Unit, Inc.) is excited to announce that it will be holding a WWII Pilot Training Camp at the Historic Wendover Army Air Field. Wendover Field is the most intact WWII Airbase left in the United States.

During your five nights and four days of training you will:

- Receive a Flight Suit and Pilots Log Book.
- Barracks accommodations for five nights.
- Three meals per day in the Mess Hall.
- Training materials
- Receive Ground School Training on all aspects of flying operations.
- Take Primary Flight Training in the PT-17 Stearman.
- Conduct Advanced Flight Training in the AT-6 Texan
- Air Cadets will be flying everyday (3.5hrs total airtime) during this condensed training course and upon completion will Graduate and earn their WINGS!

[www.planetreg.com/WWIIPilotTrainingCamp](http://www.planetreg.com/WWIIPilotTrainingCamp)

## AirVenture 2018

If you are looking for lodging at AirVenture this year there are a lot of rooms open at the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh. They are working with EAA to make a large number of dormitory rooms available. Contact the university at: 920-424-3226, [uwoeaa@lists.uwosh.edu](mailto:uwoeaa@lists.uwosh.edu), or on the web at [uwosh.edu/go/uwoeaahousing](http://uwosh.edu/go/uwoeaahousing).

## New England Air Museum



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## Open Cockpit Day at New England Air Museum

The New England Air Museum will hold an Open Cockpit Day on Father's Day, Sunday **June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Special activities include climb aboard experiences in historic aircraft; flight simulators; hands-on Build & Fly Challenges, and much more! A variety of aircraft will be open for visitors including the WWII era Republic P-47D, the Vietnam War era Bell UH-1B "Huey" helicopter, as well as supersonic jet fighters including the North American F-100 Super Sabre jet fighter and the Lockheed F-104C Starfighter. Food and beverage will be available for purchase, and all activities are included with museum admission.

The New England Air Museum is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day. Admission is \$15.00 for ages 15 and up, \$14.00 for seniors 65 and up and \$10.00 for ages 4 to 14. New England Air Museum members and children under 3 are admitted free. For more information, visit [www.neam.org](http://www.neam.org) or call (860) 623-3305. The New England Air Museum is located in Windsor Locks, Conn., adjacent to Bradley International Airport. Take I-91 north or south to CT. exit 40 (Route 20) to Route 75 north.

## Helicopter Day at New England Air Museum





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On Saturday 23 June 2018 the New England Air Museum will feature many of the helicopters in its extensive collection. For the first time the museum will display over 20 helicopters and equipment, including many that have been in storage for several years and are not normally open to the public. Some of the helicopters will be open to the public for tours and there will be experts there to explain the aircraft and their operation. The helicopters include the 25,000 pound CH-54 Tarhe, sometimes called the Skycrane, a single seat gyrocopter, a Navy drone, an award winning manpowered helicopter, and many others. At 1:00 Kevin Bredenbeck, former Sikorsky test pilot, will present "X2 Technology Sikorsky Door Step into the Future". The program will run from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., but the museum will remain open until 5:00 p.m.

## New England Air Museum Presents - Stories from the Air

### July 22 - Maiden Flight - The Role of Katherine Wright

Guilford author, Henry Haskell comes from a long line of Henry Haskells - his father, and his grandfather whose second wife was the sister of Orville & Wilbur Wright - Katherine Wright. Haskell will bring together the love and strife experienced by Katherine, her husband Henry Haskell and brother Orville.

### August 19 - B-29 Bomber - The Story of FiFi

Don Boccaccio, a crew member and tour leader on FiFi, one of two B-29 WWII bombers still flying, provides a "Behind the Scenes" look at FiFi and what it takes to keep wind under her wings.

### October 21 - The Real Story: The JFK Jr. Accident

Steve Demko was a National Transportation Safety Board investigator for the aircraft accident in which John Kennedy Jr. lost his life. Steve will tell the real story of what happened that night off of Cape Cod. Steve's wife, Jill, also from NTSB, will overview the operations of that outstanding organization.

### November 18 - The Connecticut River from the Air

New England Air Museum's Executive Director and author, Jerry Roberts will discuss his newest table top book. Hear about the view from above as the Connecticut River makes its way from Canada to Long Island Sound.

All lectures will be at 1:00 p.m. the day of the event.

Museum Members Free - General public \$20.00 per lecture / \$100.00 for the series of six (includes admission to the Museum).

Seating is limited so please order early. If there are any seats open on the day of the event, they will be available on a first-come basis. If you have any questions, please call the Museum at (860) 623-3305.

Museum members can make reservations [here](#), and non-members can make reservations [here](#). <<http://www.neam.org/event-calendar.php>>

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## New England Air Museum announces a trip to Europe

From Brussels to Berlin

The New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, Connecticut will run a ten day trip to Europe from September 24 - October 5, 2018. In conjunction with Steven Ambrose Tours, this trip from Brussels to Berlin is the last half of the famous WWII 101<sup>st</sup> Band of Brother tour.

Departure will be on Aer Lingus from Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks. Highlights include a tour of Brussels; tours of Operation Market Garden and the Battle of the Bulge; Luxembourg and the American Cemetery; various sites in Germany with a free day in Berlin.

The cost is \$5,100 for double accommodations and \$5,750 for singles. There is an additional fee for non-museum members. The tour includes a full-time historian, three and four star hotels, touring by private first-class motorcoach, admission to all museums, breakfast daily and three dinners and all gratuities.

A complete itinerary and registration form are available on the New England Air Museum's website [www.neam.org](http://www.neam.org) or contact Debbie Reed at [debbier@neam.org](mailto:debbier@neam.org) or call 860-623-3305 ext. 314.

## Classifieds

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

B&C 60 amp alternator. Less than 250 hours, works great. \$175.

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

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Whelen Strobe System & Wing Tip Navigation Lights\*\*\*(\$750 obo)

\*Power Supply Whelen Model \*= HDACF (Priced on ACS for \$420)

<http://www.aircraftspruce.com/catalog/elpages/whelenpowersupplies.php?clickkey=13887>

\*Wing Tip Position Light\* (Red Model = A600-PR-14V) (Priced on ACS for \$484)

\*Wing Tip Position Light\* (Green Model = A600-PG-14V) (Priced on ACS for \$484)

Complete kit is \$1362 on ACS

Details on ACS here for the full kit: <http://www.aircraftspruce.com/catalog/elpages/whelena600strobe.php>

I'll include the wiring instructions / manuals booklet and connectors. You'll just need to buy wire and pins to make the system work.

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