

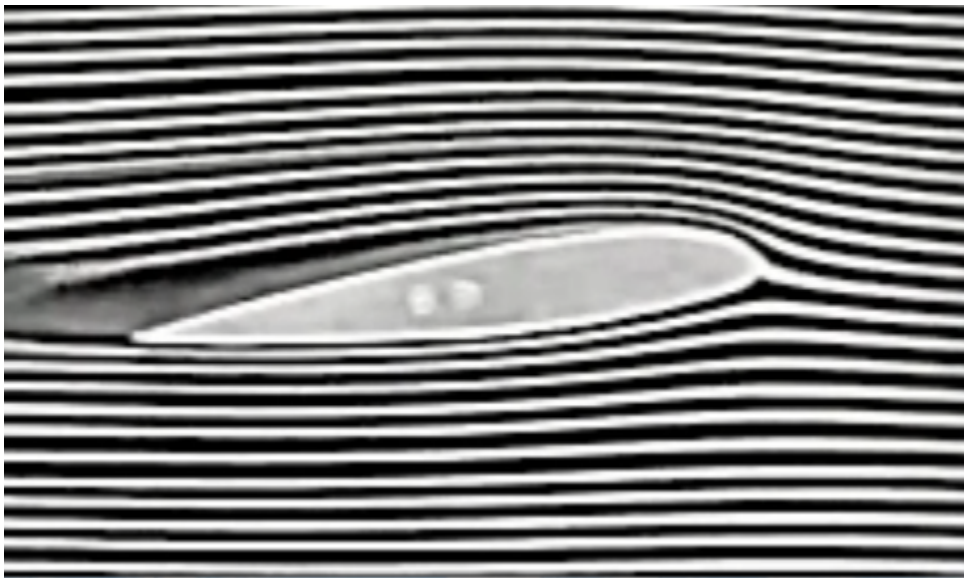
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**Next Meeting June 28, 2026
10 am Meriden Airport**

Chapter member Dave Maass will be talking about how important understanding wing angle of attack is to safety and airplane performance.



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President's Message

Once again, we had a great Young Eagles Rally. The weather was fantastic. We had a steady stream of kids totaling 52 flights. The reservation system is working very well for both the chapter and kids. I was most pleased to see so much participation by our chapter members and kids. We had ground crew everywhere! I was talking with one of the parents and they mentioned how well the event is run. Our overall setup with the registration desk, food table, conference room table, picnic tables and seats, security cones and tape, T shirts, escorts to and from planes, and identifiable chapter members all over makes parents feel their child is safe and will have fun. I think this is the main reason we have so many repeat flyers. More than once over the years parent who have attended other rallies said we do it much better. Thanks to everyone who make it happen.

This month's presentation on wing angle of attack will be of great value and interest for anyone who wants to become a safer and more proficient pilot. As an engineer a significant part of my career was about angle of attack aerodynamics in numerous conditions for many airfoil and wing geometries. I know understanding angle of attack improved my piloting abilities.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes May 17, 2026

The presentation was done before the business meeting because of our presenter's schedule. Stuart Berlinger from Pipistrel Aviation gave a very enjoyable presentation on the company's history and how it grew from a small Slovenian builder into a real innovator in light aircraft and electric aviation, now as part of Textron eAviation. He walked everyone through Pipistrel's lineup, including the Alpha Trainer, Explorer, Virus, and Panthera, and talked about the company's work at the leading edge of electric flight, including the Velis Electro, recognized as the world's first type-certified electric aircraft. Stuart also brought an Alpha Trainer, which gave members a chance to get up close after the meeting, and many of the junior members were excited to climb into the right seat and get a firsthand look at the airplane.

Visitors: Leah, the new airport intern for this summer. Nigel, 16, interested in flying. Wayne, CFII from Oxford. Matt, new pilot from Oxford. He and Wayne own a plane together.

Treasurer's Report: \$2123

Technical; Dave and Al got the Carbon Cub on the wheels. The Chapter now has a set of weight scales.

Youth Programs: YE rally is June 13. Rain date is the 14th. August 8 we'll have a first-timer's rally. October 3 is Fall rally.

Ray Scholar. Ethan reports that he soloed. He's working on cross-country and studying for the written. We don't have a scholar for 2026 but we will be reapplying for 2027.

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Sonex build: The short skin reported last month is acceptable. Sonex—who went bankrupt last month—was rescued by an angel investor and is back in business.

James Calver showed mockups of new Chapter mugs and T-shirts to be sold at events like Young Eagles.

Airport cleanup day. We only had 5 show up but we did a good job.

Mark went to the STEM Academy with our wind tunnel. it went well

A 4th grade photo club came and took photos. They will choose the best of the best and auction the winner—framed—at a fund-raising event they have. 45 kids showed up.

Chris Meyer who does tailwheel, upset recovery and aerobatics instruction will be moving his Pitts S1 to MMK.

Events:

- The RAF is going to have a pancake breakfast the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month in the summer.
- Cheshire school—kids and adults, June 25
- Parks and Rec day, July 14 & 15
- Girls Inc, sometime the week of July 29
- MMK Run the runway 5K, October 25

This year our chapter's 70th anniversary. We're going to have a celebration in September. More details to come.

The 99s is running a raffle to give away a seaplane rating. It's to raise money for a scholarship. See Connie to buy.

The June meeting will be a week later to avoid father's day. June 28.

—Rick Beebe, Secretary

Ray Aviation Scholar 2025

This month, I have focused on solo flights and improving my landing confidence. In addition, I received my sign-off for the FAA written exam and have it scheduled for next week.

Another area of focus has been performance takeoffs and landings. I'm still getting the hang of short field landings, but I am starting to make steady progress with each lesson and becoming more consistent with my approach and touchdown points. My flight instructor and I have also begun planning cross-country flights so in preparation I have started flying more to different towered airports so that I can get more experience communicating with ATC and operating in different environments. These experiences are helping me become more comfortable making decisions and managing different phases of flight. I am excited to continue progressing toward earning my Private Pilot license and have started looking for dates for my checkride for the first week of August.

Ethan Simpson Ray Scholar 2025

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Young Eagles

Our June Young Eagles Rally was a huge success with fifty-two participants each having their own thrilling flight. Many EAA Chapter 27 members volunteered on the ground and seven of our outstanding Chapter pilots flew our participants. We had perfect weather and as always, safety was top of mind. Constance and the airport personnel once again proved to be invaluable in conducting a safe Young Eagle rally! Our ground volunteers were sporting new "Chapter 27" safety vests and we also sold beautiful T-shirts designed by James Calver that we will use as an ongoing fundraiser. We are always looking for new pilots for our rallies so if you know someone who may be interested, please let us know.

THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who give of their time and talents so unselfishly. YOU are what make our Young Eagles Rallies a reality!

Donna Shea
EAA 27 Young Eagles Coordinator



A happy group of Young Eagles
waiting for their flight

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Youth Aviation Center and Sonex Build

Our new Meriden intern Leah has joined the Sonex build group for the summer. She and Isabell drilled the many holes into the spar to finish the lower right wing skin fitting. We turned the wing over and squared it up for the upper wing skin fitting and control system support installation.



Chapter 27 Projects

I was able to weight my biplane a few weeks ago after the refurbishment was complete. I removed 16 lbs. and favorably moved the CG forward a little. The new chapter weight scales worked well. I made some ramps for the main wheels. If you want to weigh your plane let me know and I'll give you a hand if needed. *Mark*



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Carbon Cub

Not much work has taken place over the past month or so. We did add the lightning bolt to both sides. We're currently awaiting the arrival of our EI engine monitor (hopefully today). The registration package has been received in Oklahoma City and we're awaiting a response and approval on that. Once the engine monitor is installed we plan to begin ground runs and taxi tests. *Al Starbard*



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Meriden Airport

The City of Meriden Supervisors and Professionals Union was invited to hold their monthly June meeting and 1st ever after-hours open house at Meriden Airport. Our EAA Chapter 27 offered Adult Eagle Flights to those interested in going up for a discovery flight over Meriden that evening. Donna Shea, Mark Scott, Andy Scott and Doug Dringoli participated as pilots for the event. We had 12 union members who took advantage of this unique opportunity to go for a flight.

Some of the employees had never been to the City's airport, let alone flown in a small GA aircraft. The response was overwhelming! What an amazing opportunity to share what we all do here at Meriden Airport for the community and the City of Meriden. Thank you EAA! Constance Castillo, Airport Manager



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Tech Tips

ADSB performance report

Something you may want to perform now and then to check your systems

The FAA will provide a free report on the performance of your ADSB out avionics via this link: <https://adsbperformance.faa.gov/PAPRRequest.aspx>

Dave Rich

Over time the center electrode of an airplane spark plug wears away into an oval shape. The gap increases which hurts efficiency and starting performance. You need to check the plug gap every annual. To close it up you need a gap tool and wire gap gauge. You clamp the tool in a vice, insert the spark plug and gently screw the point against the outer spark plug tang one at a time. Go slowly and check with each quarter of a turn. If you go too far you can't pull it back. You can purchase these at most aircraft supply retailers. We also have one as part of the chapter tool crib.

Mark



Cheshire High School Meeting

We are scheduled for the airport open house event with Cheshire on **June 25th, 3:30-5 pm**. We will have a short presentation and then parents and kids will walk around to see the Sonex build, sit in some planes, talk to the airport staff, and meet instructors and shop mechanics. If you are available to help out contact Mark.

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Young Eagle Scheduled dates

Attention Young Eagle Volunteers! 2026 Young Eagle Rally Dates:

Book your calendars and **reserve your planes** for volunteering for the following 2026 Young Eagle Rally dates:

August 8th (rain date August 9th) This will be a smaller rally for first time participants.

October 3rd (rain date 4th)

Clear your calendars now so that our awesome team can make these events a reality!

Donna Young Eagles Coordinator

Chapter 27 and MMK Calendar Events 2026

Young Eagles

Fall rally: October 3, Rain date October 4

First Timer Rally: August 8. Rain date August 9

Other activities

Park & Rec camp. end of July 14th & 15th.

Girls Inc. Creative engineering week July 29

Events

MMK 5k run October 25, 2026

70th anniversary of Chapter 27 Sunday, September 20

Holiday Banquet January 9, 2027

LSA Inspection Course

I received an e-mail from a person from Intrepid Aircraft in Denver, CO planning on traveling around the country giving a weekend 16 hr LSA Repairman Inspection course this year. Under the new MOSAIC rules if you pass this course you can perform annual conditional inspections on an E-AB aircraft you own. The certification is for life. It never expires. This is a great flexibility and cost savings. The course will contain lots of good information on maintenance and operational considerations that will benefit non E-AB owners as well. If we have 30 people and fill the conference room the cost will be about \$700. If we have 15 or so it will be \$750. Tentative dates are Sep 12/13 or 19/20. **Please get in touch with Mark as soon as you know you** if you want to take the course. I need to finalize the list in a week or two. *Mark*

<https://intrepidaircraft.com/light-sport-repairman-course>

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Meriden Markham Municipal Airport

RUN THE RUNWAY

5k & Kids Fun Run



Sunday, October 25, 2026

9:00am

Proceeds benefit:



Disabled American Veterans

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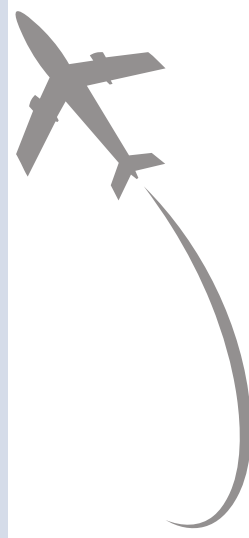
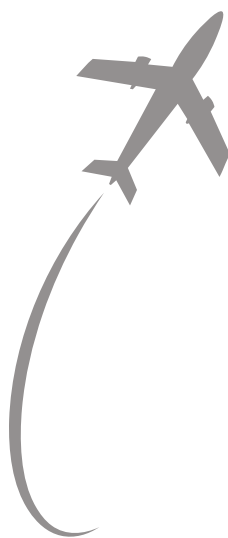


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EAA Chapter 1310

August 15th, 2026 - EAA Chapter 1310 will be having our annual "Corn Roast" at Skylark Airport in E. Windsor, CT (7B6)

October 17th, 2026 - EAA Chapter 1310 will start the fall season with a "Pancake Breakfast" at Skylark Airport in E. Windsor, CT (7B6)

Something exciting is taking shape at Mount Tobe Airport, Waterbury, CT (N41) this summer.

- Starting the first Saturday in June we're proud to introduce bi-weekly Pancake Breakfasts throughout the summer flying season as part of a renewed effort to bring life, community, and camaraderie back to one of the states most idyllic grassroots airports.
- Since 1923 Mt. Tobe has been a gathering place for pilots, families, storytellers, and friends of aviation. Unlike many small airports that have been lost to "progress", changing economic conditions, and development we have remained steadfast to our aviation roots thanks to dedicated ownership who resisted the urge to be anything other than a haven for aviation.
- We're still here, still grass and still flying and we would love to welcome you back.
- Under new ownership, the airport is undergoing a revival with a vision centered around family-friendly recreational aviation, and preserving the spirit of those that first escaped the sullen bonds of earth in their winged flying machines along this hallowed ribbon of green. Continuous improvements to the grounds and camping facilities, supported by
- The Recreational Aviation Foundation who are helping transform the airport into a destination once again for fly-ins, camping weekends, and simple mornings around the pattern.
- Whether you fly in, drive in, camp overnight, or just stop by for pancakes and conversation, we invite you to come experience what makes this little airport so special.
- Let's bring back the energy, and the love of grassroots aviation together.
- See you at the airport.

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EAA Chapter 146 Fly-In Breakfast Dates for 2026

Dates: Saturday, June 6, 2026, and Saturday, September 12, 2026
8am to noon, WX permitting, at Kline Kill Airport (NY1), Ghent, NY
Follow us on Facebook for updates: [EAA Chapter 146 Ghent NY](#)
(Chapter Secretary: 518-250-6674, call or text)

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, OJ, & coffee, all for only \$10. Plenty of parking for both aircraft & cars at one of the most picturesque grass airfields in the Northeast.

Please Note: Fuel IS NOT AVAILABLE at Kline Kill Airport. Fuel is available at Columbia County Airport (1B1), 5 NMSW.

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 - 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/>

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Airshows and Events

June 19,20, & 21 Greenwood Lake NJ Airshow Night show pyrotechnics

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

July 4th Snowbirds over New York

July 05-06 Bethpage Airshow @ Jones Beach featuring Navy Blue Angels <https://www.fourleafairshow.com/>

July 11-12 National Warplane Museum Airshow on Turf Geneseo NY

<https://airshowdisplay.fr/en/airshow/geneseo-airshow-the-greatest-show-on-turf-2026>

July 20-26 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2026

https://www.eaa.org/airventure/aaa-airventure-tickets?utm_source=aaa_internal_web_link&utm_medium=internal/aaa.org&utm_campaign=av_tickets_2026&utm_term=homepage_slider&utm_content=image

August 01-02 New York Airshow Orange County Airport Montgomery NY featuring the USAF Thunderbirds <<https://air.show/newyork/>>

September 12-13th Beverly Regional Airshow

Classifieds

For Sale: Garmin GDL51

This is a portable SiriusXM weather receiver as well as a GPS and ADHRS. Works with Foreflight and Garmin Pilot. \$850 at Aircraft Spruce. \$500. Rick Beebe. rick@beebe.org or 203-623-3744

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)

RV12 Share

For sale one share in the Spirit of Meriden Flight Club (SOMFC) Van's RV-12. Excellent aircraft for a new student or a seasoned pilot and only requires a Sport Pilot license. Running costs after share purchase are \$94.00 monthly and \$24.00 per hour (dry, no fuel). The RV-12 is permanently hangared at Meriden (KMMK). See the SOMFC web site for club and RV-12 details <https://www.somfc.org> Contact Bob Maher on 203-859-1271.



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