

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter March 2024

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Next Meeting March 17th, 10 am Meriden Airport

March Presentation,

Rich Rozanski, Owner Fabricated Parts

Chapter 27 member and FAA DAR Rich Rozanski will discuss, "Owner-produced Parts and Substitute Parts including the new FAA VARMA program." The presentation will hopefully dispel some myths and provide a roadmap to replacing parts when spares are just not obtainable.



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President's Message

Warm weather is on its way. I hope you have fun aviation plans for the year. Our next airport event is the "Run the Runway" 5K Race on March 23rd. We need people to hand out Young Eagle fliers and talk to people about EAA and the airplanes on display. We will be having our airport clean up day in April when it is a bit warmer.

Minutes

Monthly meeting, February 18, 2024

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Other officers present, Vice President James Calver, Treasurer Bill Jagoda, Secretary Rick Beebe. There were 37 attendees.

Visitors: Shahara is a student pilot. She's a flight attendant for Avelo and former 6th grade science teacher. Pat is a student pilot. He's ready to solo and may make this a career.

Treasurer Bill Jagoda reports a balance of \$2221.34 outside of the CD and the Ray Scholar money.

Dave Matuska reports that he's nearly ready to run the engine. Doug Dringoli has brought the fuselage back to his shop. He had the Hatz at the airport for a while to test fit the wings and tack weld the mounting brackets. He'll finish welding those and retest the fit. Tom and Donna's engine should be installed next week. They are tackling the interior upholstery themselves. Mike Zemsta did the condition inspection on John Anderson's RV-6. James Kitchinsky received the empennage for his RV-14. He did get caught up in Van's financial problems but is continuing forward. Dave Rich is heading to the Lycoming rebuilding school next week. We expect an update next meeting!

James Calver talked about degreasers. He discovered that Interlux 202 Fiberglass Solvent worked really well on cleaning oil and grease

Ray Scholar. Ava is working on navigation and learning the E6B. She's also working on handling diversions. Lucy is working on her instrument rating now. Plans on getting it in March. We'll find out if we qualify for another Ray Scholar by the end of March. Young Eagles rallies are June 8 and October 26.

Ayathi Singh is this year's candidate for sponsorship at the Air Academy.

Mark wants to organize a bus trip for Meriden-area kids to go to NEAM. He's looking for help if anyone wants to volunteer. Donna also reports that they're having a "Women Take Flight" day on March 2.

James arranged to make new Chapter 27 coffee mugs. They have the EAA logo on the side \$15 each.

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Airport update. Constance reports that the building permit is approved to build 4 box hangars on the south side of the airport. There is a waiting list so contact her if you want to be added to it. "Run the Runway" 5K race will be on March 23rd. Need volunteers for FOD cleanup. Proceeds are going to Beat the Street—a Meriden youth program.

April 8 is the eclipse fly-out. Destination still TBD.

Matt Vallieu is a colonel in the Civil Air Patrol. He gave a great presentation on the CAP. Where it came from and what it does. Thanks Matt!

One item of note is to remember to reregister your 406 ELT with NOAA every 2 years.

--Rick Beebe, Secretary

Tech Tip of the Month

I was talking with a friend at the airport who was having a difficult time pulling new autopilot wires through his wing conduit. He eventually used this 3M product called WLX-QT which is simply a wire pulling lubricant. He said it worked really well. It is a kind of wax that dries out in a few days. One quart which is way more than you will probably use is around \$12. (Mark)



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Ray Aviation Scholar

Things have been progressing nicely, and I have passed my written test with a 92%. Now, I am doing many things to prepare myself for the impending oral exam: answering questions out loud, doing the King School practical exam course, participating in weekly ground school, and beginning to read the AIM. In the cockpit, I have been actively working on many maneuvers and performance takeoffs and landings. I have also been preparing to fulfill my cross-country requirements which are fast approaching. Overall, everything is going great and I'm loving every moment of it.

Ava



Ava and Dad celebrate First Solo at EAA meeting

We have been approved by EAA to submit a Ray Aviation Scholar for 2024. We will begin the process shortly. This will be our 5th scholar.

I would like to thank Constance and Roger and CAP for their support of Ava. I know both Roger and Constance have spent many hours with Ava to enable her to achieve the success she has achieved.

Tom Spitler, Scholarship Coordinator

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Young Eagles

SAVE THE DATES:

Volunteer Young Eagle Pilots and ground volunteers, mark your calendars and reserve your planes!

The dates for our Spring and Fall Young Eagles Rallies have been determined:
Saturday, June 8th, 2024 (rain date Sunday, June 9th) from 9-3:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 26th, 2024 (rain date Sunday, October 27th) from 9-3:30 p.m.

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YOUNG EAGLES RALLY

Free Flights for Participants Ages 8 to 17

Saturday, 6/8/2024

Rain Date: 6/9/2024



Meriden Airport (KMMK)
213 Evansville Ave.
Meriden CT 06451



Parents/Guardians must PRE-REGISTER at [YEDAY.ORG](https://www.yeday.org)

Registration opens 5/7/2024

(And fills quickly!)

A Parent/Guardian Must be Present

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Airport Clean Up Day

Our annual clean-up day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 20th or Sunday April 21st. This is before official Earth Day on the 22nd and can clean up the road along the airport.

Next Year's Annual Dinner

Everyone liked the annual dinner's food and venue. We have reserved January 4th, 2025 for next year's dinner at the same place. Put it on your calendar!

New Chapter Mugs

We were down to our last mug. James Calver secured 20 more for a reasonable price and presented them at the last meeting. They are very nice with a big chapter and EAA emblems.

New for 2024 Chapter 27 Mugs

(Sopwith Camel E.I. not included)



Enjoy your morning cup of Joe in our **new mugs for 2024**

Pick one up at our next Chapter meeting on **March 17**

Dishwasher and microwave safe

Just \$15

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Meriden Airport

The airport will have its second annual “Run the Runway” event on March 23rd. We could use a couple airplanes again on the ramp for show and tell to the participants, friends, and family.



Hartford HealthCare
MidState Medical Center

RUN THE RUNWAY

5k & Kids Fun Run



SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2024
Meriden Markham Municipal Airport
Fundraiser for Beat the Street

Race Registration:	Race Day Schedule
\$25 - Until March 3rd	7:30am - Race Day Check-In Begins
\$30 - 3/3 - 3/16	8:45am - Kids Fun Run
\$35 - 3/17 - 3/22	9:00am - Run the Runway 5k
\$40 - Race Day	Awards to Conclude!
(Kids Fun Run is Free)	

Book Your Race Today!



Awards to Top 3 Overall M & F Winners
+
Top 3 Division Winners

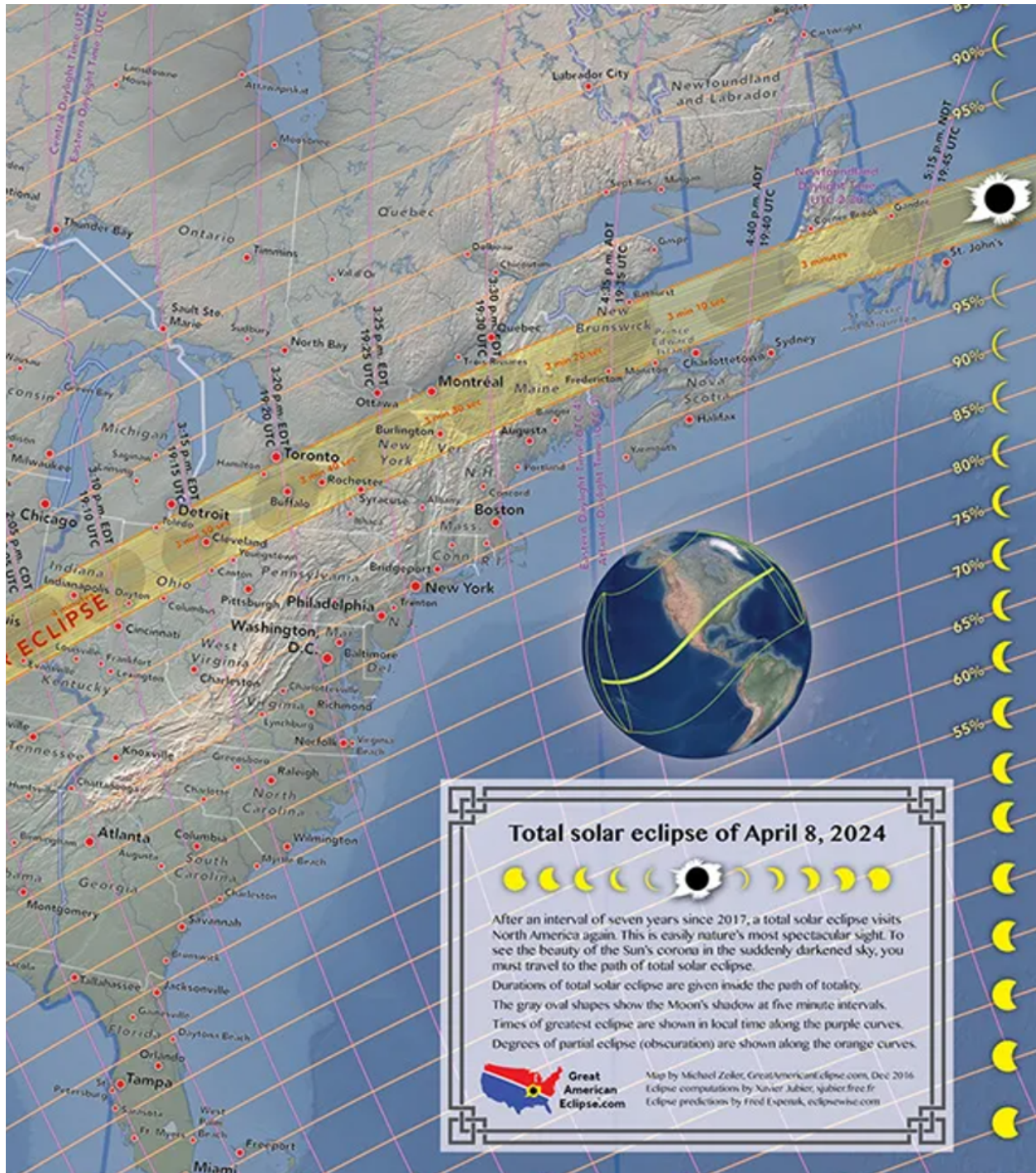
This flat & fast 5k travels the runway and the beautiful South Meriden neighborhood!



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Eclipse Fly Out

Mark Scott spoke with an EAA chapter in North Eastern Vermont about their eclipse event. They said they would be happy to have us and promised to do what they could about having good weather. Contact Mark if you are planning on flying out so he can coordinate.



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I took this nice sunny picture of the airport last month after the snow storms. Not often we see it like this. (Mark)



What do you do if your big plane doesn't fit in your hangar?
Jump plane at Danielson Airport, CT

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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 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/>

2024 Aviation Events

April 9 - 14 Sun n' Fun Aerospace Expo 50th Anniversary Lakeland, FL

USAF Thunderbirds <http://www.sun-n-fun.org/>

July 17-18 Navy Blue Angels <https://binghamtonairshow.com/>

July 13-14 National Warplane Museum Airshow Geneseo, NY

<https://nationalwarplanemuseum.com/airshow2024/>

July 22 - 28 EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh

Canadian Snowbirds <https://www.airventure.org>

August 3 - 4 Great State of Maine Air Show Brunswick, ME USAF Thunderbirds

August 10 - 11 New York Air Show, Montgomery, NY USAF Thunderbirds, Frecce Tricolori National Aerobatic Team of Italy <https://airshowny.com/>

September 13-24 Green Mountain Aviation Field Days

The Vermont Aviators Association, with support from BTV, Heritage, VFA, Beta Technologies and others, is bringing an "airshow" back to Burlington VT in September of 2024...the first one here since 2016! This is a Burlington event with all facets of the local government and business participating in the planning and execution of the event.....

<https://www.greenmountainaviationfielddays.org/>

S. Scott "Zip" Willits
Vermont Aviators Association
518-522-0017
vermontaviators.org



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Classifieds

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



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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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*

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