

# EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter May 2025

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## Next Meeting Sunday May 18th, Meriden Airport, 10 am

**Don MacMillan, Operations Manager for SkyHealth II and Chapter member will give a presentation on the history and current role of Helicopter EMS. N253MT an EC 135 will be present weather and call volume permitting.**



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## President's Message

We have lots going on these days. Our Young Eagles Rally is on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration opened on May 7<sup>th</sup> and filled in less than a day! Let's hope for good weather. We need pilots and airplanes. Please contact Donna Shea if you can fly or be part of the ground crew.

Our scheduled May speaker from the New York TRACON has a significant dental issue that needs attention close to our meeting date. Fortunately, chapter member Don MacMillan who is the Operations Manager YHH Critical Care Transport-SkyHealth-works can move his presentation up a month. If weather and schedule permits we hope to have a medical helicopter on display at the meeting.

The Commemorative Brick Fundraising campaign is open and orders are accumulating. Information and order instructions are included again this month further down in the newsletter.

You can now join or renew Chapter 27 membership on our web site ([www.eaa27.org](http://www.eaa27.org)) and pay by PayPal.

The chapter will most likely run another "Build a Plane" project. We have been receiving numerous requests to do so. The program benefits kids as much as it does adults interested in building. We learned the snow plow utility building would not work because there are new vehicles in there occupying the building area. We are working with the airport to have Rick Beebe swap hangars with Silver City Flying Club who has the next door hangar with four extra feet of width. The build program would be off to the side in that hangar. Chapter member Henry Casas has generously donated his Sonex kit to the program. Once we have the hangar and planes are swapped we will pick up the kit and organize the space. I will start the program and need at least several chapter members committed to regular attendance at build sessions twice a week. I'm sure we will get enough kids to participate. If there is truly a desire within the chapter to build another plane then those people should be willing to contribute.

We contacted the Meriden school system about them adopting the AOPA high school aerospace course. Their initial response was no thank you. We suspect they think they have too much on their plate right now. We are trying to get a meeting with the Wilcox Tech High School administration. We would like to approach the Wallingford and Cheshire schools too. If you have any contacts for either please get in touch with Mark.

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## Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2025

The meeting was postponed a week because of Easter. 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 33 attendees.

Visitors: John Roush, our guest speaker. Henry, a friend of Anthony. We've started a guest book for visitors to give us their info.

Happy to report that EAA Chapter 27 is once again a Gold EAA Chapter. It says a lot for our activities and participation. Mark read through the satisfaction survey results and comments.

Treasurer's Report: \$2155.66. He paid the deposit for the August meeting at the New England Air Museum.

The web site will be able to accept PayPal for membership join/renew this coming week.

Tech Reports. Dave Rich reports they are painting the Carbon Cub. Currently on the fill and sand portion.

Young Eagles registration will go live on May 7. Rally on June 7.

Ray Scholar. Anthony reports that he has completed his night work and performance. Working on cross country flights. Getting close to his solo cross country and then he should have completed all the requirements to take his check ride. Mark is going to do three presentations on aeronautical engineering at Anthony's school next week. Lucy is progressing well on her commercial rating. She's training at Groton. We are taking applications for the 2025 Ray Scholarship.

Our brick fundraiser starts tomorrow and goes through June 29. Once everyone has ordered, they will send all the bricks and we'll lay them in front of the FBO.

99s are having a raffle to win a seaplane rating. Tickets are \$25 each and the drawing will be May 31.

Airport cleanup day is May 10, 10-12.

Parts are in for the tetrahedron so it should be repaired soon.

Airport events: Youth day with Meriden Park and Rec. Usually the first week in July. Mark and Constance will choose a day and we'll provide volunteers.

The new hangars site prep is complete. The buildings will be arriving in August.

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James Calver reports that at the end of his latest Youtube video, Vic Syracuse mentioned the chapter and showed off the Chapter 27 mug we sent him.

Don MacMillion reported that his RV-7 build has been going on for 13 years but is getting close!

John Rousch from EAA Chapter 1240 in Florida gave a very interesting presentation on how they have created formal youth education programs, even building a hangar to house them. A group stayed after the meeting to discuss it with him more.

--Rick Beebe, secretary

## Young Eagles Update

Our next Young Eagles Rally will be on Saturday, June 7th. from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. The rain/weather date for the rally is Sunday, June 8th. The rally was posted on the EAA website on May 6th and filled in one day! We continue to seek volunteer pilots and ground volunteers for these events so if you are able to help, please contact Donna Shea at: [shea.donna@ymail.com](mailto:shea.donna@ymail.com) As previous volunteers can tell you, it is always a fun day filled with lots of smiles and joy. Hope to see you there!

## RAY Scholarship for 2025

EAA Chapter 27 has been awarded the Ray Scholarship for 2025. We are accepting applications for the scholarship.

The Ray Scholar applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum of age 15 for glider training.
- Age 16-19 for powered flight training.
- Possession of a student pilot certificate.
- Possession of FAA medical certificate. (private pilot students)
- Be able to begin their flight training within 60 days of receiving the award.

An application can be requested by an emailed to [tspitler@gmail.com](mailto:tspitler@gmail.com). Once all the applications have been received, we will bring in each candidate for review and final selection. The candidate selected by the chapter will then apply to EAA for final approval.

The application is **DIJE** on or before June 15, 2025 and should be submitted to [tspitler@gmail.com](mailto:tspitler@gmail.com) or mailed to 54 Stone House Rd., Amston, CT 06231. Any questions you can call 860-338-3693.

Tom Spitler  
Ray Aviation Scholarship Coordinator  
Chapter EAA 27

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## Ray Aviation Scholar 2022

Congratulations to Lucy Crete for receiving a \$1000 scholarship from the 99s women's pilot organization. She will be putting it toward her commercial flight training.

## Ray Aviation Scholar 2024

It's officially the "clean-up" phase of training! Doubling down on every ACS maneuver, ensuring that I nail every short and soft-field landing, and beginning to recollect all of my knowledge from my written, it's about time that I get serious about the next few months of flying to come! This past month, my instructor and I have started to really focus our energy on beginning to prepare for my checkride. At the time of writing, we'll be scheduling the official date in the days to come, and I'm super excited to finally put in the remaining energy I have to ensure that I finish off strong in my journey to PPL.

On another note... solo cross country to Orange, check. Now it's time for the 150nm cross country! This past month of training has also encompassed a lot of solo work which has been such an amazing learning experience. It's one thing to have an instructor there telling you what to do, noting what things you missed, and explaining how you can do better—but flying solo has really opened my eyes to a lot of blind spots that I had previously in my training. From trimming too early for cruise, to seeing how rushed I can be with towered procedures—it's taught me a lot about my most common mistakes and how I can correct them for future flying.

As we come closer to the Young Eagles season, plan out future youth activities, and continue to inspire kids in the community, I again just want to appreciate everyone for their efforts in allowing us young people to have such amazing opportunities. I'm super excited to see where these next few months will take us, and I can't wait to share these last few bits of my journey with you all.

Happy flying as always!

Anthony Ortiz Osorio  
Ray Aviation Scholarship Recipient 2024



Anthony inflight



Congratulations to Anthony receiving his Lightspeed Headset



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## Chapter 27

### Youth Scholarship Fund Commemorative Brick Fundraiser

We are set up to start our Commemorative Brick Scholarship Fundraising Campaign. The program starts April 28<sup>th</sup> and ends June 29<sup>th</sup>. A 4x8 or 8x8 inch brick with your own personal inscription with or without artwork will be permanently set in the picnic area next to the building. Chapter members receive a discounted price. We will have a campaign each year to add bricks. A copy of our promotional poster is below. We are taking orders on line and manually, i.e. paper orders with mailed checks. A sample brick and images are at the airport office front desk.



For online orders without artwork go to [www.fundraisingbrick.com/meridenairportcbp/](http://www.fundraisingbrick.com/meridenairportcbp/), or scan the QR code on the poster. Fill out the form, pay on line, and you are all set.

You can place an order with an image of your choosing. There is a clip art library from the supplier to choose from. It is almost all military themed. With the exception of one helicopter there are no aircraft. If there is one there you like, select that with your on line order.

We arranged to have custom artwork on bricks so you can have an image of your airplane or whatever else you would like. We have to submit black and white images in .png or .jpg format at 1200 dpi or better. Microsoft word, PowerPoint, and other programs are capable of making these images. Send your image to me (Mark, mwscot-t2@comcast.net) and I will make sure it meets their criteria. Once vetted I will send

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it to the supplier and they will add it to the library. Don't make an on line order until it is in the library. Once there you can select it and complete the on line order.

If you prefer to place a paper order complete the form available at the office front desk. Follow the instructions at the bottom of the first page. If you wish to have artwork included with your paper order send Mark your artwork as described above and it will be connected with your paper order before the complete chapter order is finalized with the supplier.

Remember the images are not very large so keep them simple. Look at the poster below for reference. The fundraising web site has virtual brick inscription feature. ([www.fundraisingbrick.com/virtual-brick-tool/](http://www.fundraisingbrick.com/virtual-brick-tool/)) where you can see how your brick will look. Our color is Nutmeg and font is Comic Sans. The tool's available artwork are nominal images for reference purposes. The fundraiser is open to anyone with a connection to the airport. The plan is to install the bricks before our chapter picnic in September.

### EAA Chapter 27- Meriden Airport Youth Scholarship Commemorative Brick Project





**Upload your own art! Instructions on website.**

<p>EAA 27 4x8 Without Clipart 3 Lines-20 Char/line</p>	<p>EAA 27 ✈ 4x8 W/Clipart 3 Lines-15 Char</p>
<p>✈ EAA 27 8x8 With Clipart 4 Lines of Text 20 Characters/Line</p>	<p>Experimental Aircraft Assoc 27 Brick Fundraiser 3x8 W/O Clipart 6 Lines of Text 20 Characters/Line</p>

**MEMBERS \$60 4x8 or \$75 8x8**

**NON MEMBERS \$75 4x8 or \$90 8x8**



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[www.fundraisingbrick.com/meridenairportcbp](http://www.fundraisingbrick.com/meridenairportcbp)

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 is raising money for our youth scholarship fund by offering commemorative bricks. They will be placed along the walkway in front of the Meriden airport terminal building. Chapter 27 has been active for years providing opportunities for kids to experience aviation first hand. Since 1995 Chapter 27 has provided over 3400 free flights to kids. The chapter has provided numerous airport tours, merit badge classes, workshops, and scholarships for youths of all ages. In recent years the chapter has mentored young adults completely through private pilot training under the EAA Ray Scholar program. Through the commemorative brick fund raising campaign Chapter 27 is expanding it's youth scholarships for flight training, EAA Air Academy, and other aviation related education. Please consider buying a brick today with your own personal message and artwork.

**Don't miss out, order your brick today!**



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### Airport clean up and improvement day.

We had another good turn out on Saturday May 10th. We picked up garbage inside and outside the fence line, repaired snowplow damage along all the paved surfaces, installed plantings and mulch in front, cut the grass, and then had a nice cook out. Thanks to all who participated.





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## Tech Tip of the Month

Many of our planes use air filters made by Bracket. They are simple oil coated foam sandwiched between a coarse metal screen in back and a bar grid in the front. You need to replace them every year. They can look ok from the front but may be disintegrating in back and ingesting into your air intake. See below. The left picture is the front, the right is the back. See how the coarse screen was cutting into the filter creating little squares that would fall off. Tempest and Donaldson make FAA PMA certified washable air filter replacements which avoid this problem. (Mark)



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## **Meriden Airport**

### **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.

### **North Hangar Clean Up**

We cleaned and completed a second clean up in the North hangar a few weeks ago. Inside there were old boxes of hardware, parts, and miscellaneous material including a couple wing jack stands. If any of this is yours or you know who some of it may belong to please contact Constance. Unclaimed material is up for grabs starting May 1st. All unclaimed non-useful material will be discarded June first.

## **Places to go**

### **Westfield Air Museum 2025 Open House and Fly-In Schedule**

**May 17:** Grand Opening! Static displays, lobby museum officially open! Fly-in & Drive-In

**June 21:** Breakfast Fly-In & Open House

**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**

June 7 - Chapter 146 Spring Fly-In Breakfast (Ghent, NY)

June 7 - Chapter 27 Young Eagles day

June 14 - Ticonderoga Airport fly-in

June 14 - Chapter 968 Young Eagles rally

June 14 - Chapter 353 Young Eagles (Glens Falls)

July 12 - Chapter 968 Young Eagles rally

August 16 - Chapter 1310 Corn Roast & Cookout

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



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## EAA Chapter 501 50th Anniversary Fly-In Event Information

**EAA CHAPTER 501**  
**FLY-IN**  
to celebrate our  
**50TH ANNIVERSARY!**

Lincoln Park Airport (N07), Lincoln Park, NJ  
**Saturday, May 17, 2025, 10 AM - 2:45 PM**  
**Rain Date: Sunday, May 18, 2025**



**CHECK EAA501.ORG THE NIGHT BEFORE FOR UPDATES. REVIEW TFRS AND NOTAMS!**

### **N07 Airport Data:**

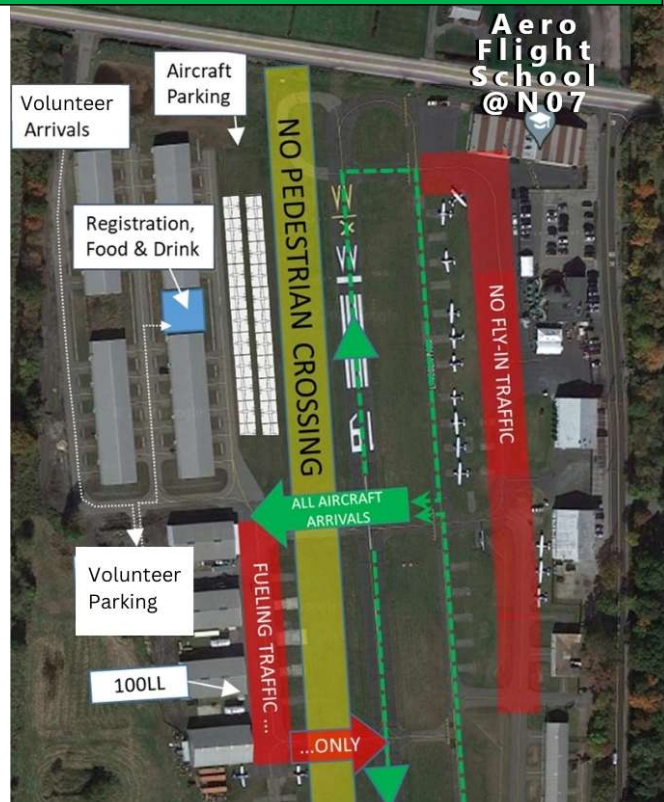
Elevation	181'
RWY 01/19 (asphalt)	2767' x 40'
CTAF/Unicom :	122.8
Fuel Available :	100LL & Jet A

- Food & Beverages 11 AM – 2:30 PM
- Aircraft judging & trophies! Entries close at 1:00 PM. Awards at 2:00 PM.

### **Contacts for Questions:**

Barry Morse [barrymorse@optonline.net](mailto:barrymorse@optonline.net)  
Nick Anzano [nick.anzano@protonmail.com](mailto:nick.anzano@protonmail.com)

Check [sunsetpubandgrill.com/](http://sunsetpubandgrill.com/) for other happenings that day!





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## Chapter 27 Events

June 7th Young Eagles day

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

August tailwheel fly-in at MMK

## Chapter 1310 Breakfast

June 14, 2025 - Pancake Breakfast 8:30am - 11:00am at Skylark Airport. We will be back with our hot pancakes with Hurricane sauce, scrambled eggs, sausages fruit cup along with coffee, tea, juice and milk. It's all you can eat for a \$10 donation.

## 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](mailto:laurado@sas.upenn.edu) - [EAA.org/VMC](http://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/>

## 2025 Aviation Events

June 27 - 29 Flight Sim Expo, Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI  
[www.flightsimexpo.com](http://www.flightsimexpo.com)

July 21 – 27 EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI

September 6 – 7 Thunder over New Hampshire, Portsmouth, NH  
US Navy Blue Angels  
<https://thunderovernewhampshire.com/>

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## 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)

## 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)

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