

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter October 2023

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The Next Meeting October 15th

10am, Meriden Airport

Isabelle, and Eva, our Air Academy attendee and Ray Scholar respectively will give short presentations on their summer aviation activities. This will be followed by Nivedita Bhjasin, a pioneering woman pilot from India. She will talk about her aviation career and eventually retiring as Air India's flight safety executive director and chief of flight safety



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President's Message

We still have a lot going on in the chapter and at the airport. The South ramp paving is moving along well. We had good representation in the 99's poker run which was a lot of fun. Unfortunately, we had to move the Young Eagles rally based on the weather forecast. Let's hope for good weather on October 21st. November is annual elections and December is the MMK-EAA holiday open house. In January we have our annual dinner followed by our chapter planning meeting a couple weeks later.

October's Guest speaker Nivedita Bhasin

Retired Airline Pilot, Air India & International Director, The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
Breaking the proverbial glass ceiling at 21 years old, Capt. Nivedita Bhasin is one of India's pioneer Women Pilots. That was in 1984.

Nivedita started her aviation journey as a school girl building Balsa wood chuck gliders, then she became a glider pilot, after which she transitioned to flying planes and ultimately achieved her childhood dream of becoming an Airline Pilot.

In 1989, when just 26, she became the world's youngest Woman Jet Commander. She has flown many large passenger aeroplanes, including the Fokker Friendship F27, Boeing 737, Airbus 300, Airbus 330 and in 2012 she became the world's first Woman Airline Pilot to fly the Dreamliner, Boeing 787.

She also flew the world's first "All women crew flight" in 1985, and holds the FAI world record for the fastest commercial flight in a 787.

Like herself and her husband, both her children are Airline Captains. In fact, theirs is the only family in probably in the whole world to be Airline Captains. After 37 years of active Airline flying, in July 2021 she retired as Air India's Flight Safety Executive Director & Chief of Flight Safety.



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Young Eagles

Rally rescheduled for October 21, 2023 9AM-3PM

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YOUNG EAGLES RALLY

Free Flights for Participants Ages 8 to 17

Sunday, 10/8/2023

Rain Date: 10/21/2023



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



**Parents/Guardians must PRE-REGISTER at [YEDAY.ORG](https://www.yeday.org)
starting September 15, 2023**

A Parent/Guardian Must be Present

Questions? Contact Donna Shea at shea.donna@ymail.com

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Ray Aviation Scholar

Ava's Flight Training with the Civil Air Patrol

by Ava Laudadio

Generally speaking, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is a volunteer civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. It encompasses three core missions: aerospace education, youth development, and emergency services. Within CAP there are senior members and cadets, and every Monday a meeting convenes where, at least on the Cadet side of things, we learn about aerospace, do physical conditioning, or practice character development. Personally, my experiences as a cadet in Civil Air Patrol have been wonderful and enriching. I've had the opportunity to participate in a Rocketry course, learn more about the Air Force, and experience unique aviation activities (e.g, flying an RC airplane, orientation flight). Moreover, when it comes to flight training CAP has enriched my experience considerably. I train in CAP's G1000 - a technologically advanced aircraft, I have been granted the opportunity to tour Bradley International Airport's tower. I am mentored and taught by wonderful CAP instructors - Roger Malagutti and Constance Castillo, and learn from other senior members in CAP in monthly pilot meetings.



When it comes to my flight training as of late the only word, I can think of is repetitive. I don't mean this in any way as a bad thing, repetition is of course how skills are learned and refined. Pattern work is the name of the game for me, constantly I'm practicing in the pattern specifically on my round out and flare. Sometimes I can pull it off and the main wheels touch down smoothly, but more often my attempts are followed with the sound of the airplane plopping onto the runway. I will say however as of Saturday there is less plopping, I think I can say it's finally clicking more than before. At this point, I will continue to be in the pattern until more often than not I can flare the plane correctly.

Tech Tip of the Month

We all have lots of rulers and alike in our shops. But do you have a real tape measure? I have one and use it a lot. Many times I use it to measure around a curve like on a cowl or some other non-flat surface. You can also use it to measure the perimeter of almost any shape. They don't cost much and I think you will be surprised how much you use it. (Mark)



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Chapter 27 Annual Picnic

The chapter had another great picnic on September 16th. There was a good turnout, lots of food, and good conversation.





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After collecting a first card each at MMK, a four and seven respectively, they departed to the east, climbing to 3500' for the short hop to Goodspeed (42B). Visibility was 4 miles, clear skies above, and reasonable vertical vis. They detected a hint of wildfire smoke reported on the news the previous evening that contributed to the poor vis. Greeted by Donna Shea and her new puppy they collected their second card at Goodspeed. Also, a four and a seven — looking good. A full house or perhaps two pairs, or a three and a two. Mark and James were

on their way to some good prizes with three more cards to collect at each of three more airports.

They back taxied at Goodspeed and took off toward Windham (IJD) at 1020. Conditions were much the same. They climbed to 4,500 over Bradley (BDL) Class C airspace heading northwest, crossing over the center of BDL headed to Great Barrington (GBR). A quick turnaround and they climbed into clear skies and better than 10 miles visibility, headed toward the final stop at Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport (BAF).

A free lunch of pumpkin curry and chicken arancini was served on the ramp in bright sunshine. You're wondering how their poker hands looked at Barnes. Tom Spitler flew his Cherokee, built a nice poker hand, and went home with a bottle of 'Aviation' gin. Mark and James after a promising start, ended with only a pair each-no prizes this year, there's always next year, but a great day out and money raised for a great cause.



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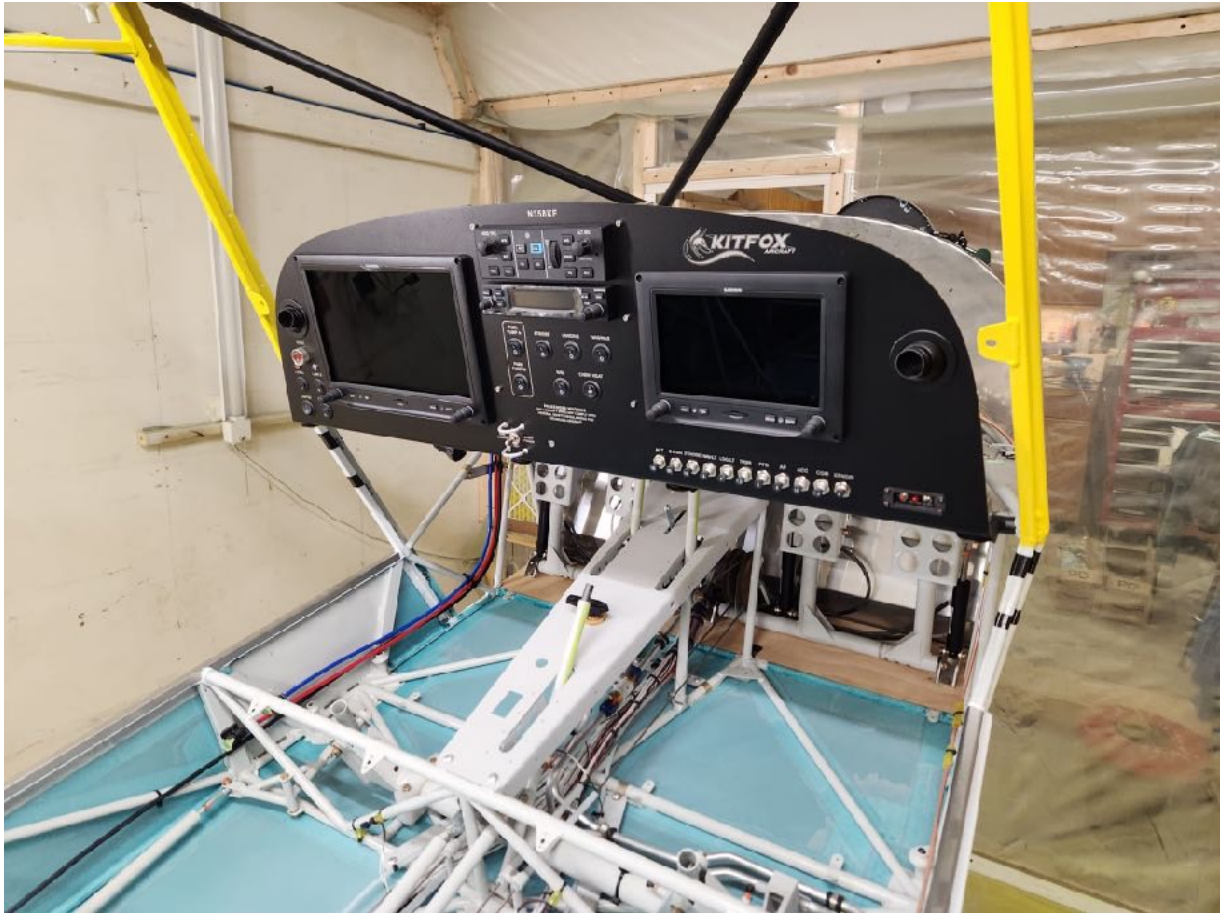
Kitfox Speedster Project Update

by Dave Matuska

Here is some recent progress on my Kitfox Speedster. Fuselage is now through cover and paint and mounted on the gear along with the main wheels, bearings, & brakes. Initial gear configuration will be tricycle, but I may reconfigure later to tail dragger, it is an easy changeover on the Kitfox. Panel is configured with the Garmin G3X which integrates very nicely to the Rotax 912iS engine that I now have mounted. Next will be cowl fitting and paint.



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RV10 Project Update

by Scott Oloff

My RV10 project has flown well and was dropped off for paint at Ed's Aircraft Refinishing in Long Island. They have done an excellent job thus far with the surface preparation, fiberglass touchups, priming and painting the first white base coat. Example pictures of the process are shown below.

Expecting to pick it up in approximately a month when I'll share pictures of the final paint scheme.



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Meriden Markham could host electric air taxi service



<https://www.myrecordjournal.com/News/Meriden/Meriden-News/Meriden-airport-considers-installing-vertiport.html>

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New Jersey 99s Fall Flyout Challenge



Welcome to the New Jersey 99s Fall Flyout Challenge!

The Fall Flyout Challenge is about doing one of the things you love most: flying! We have chosen 6 airports, spanning six states, from RI to MD, along our northern and southern routes. Your challenge is to fly as many of these airports as you can between October 1st and 31st, collecting points...and enjoying their GA communities along the way.

Not a pilot and want to participate? No Problem! Each entry card purchase earns you points towards our prizes, helps support the NJ99s Chapter and our Scholarship efforts.

What prizes can I win?

- Brompton Folding Bike, C-Line 6-speed, from Diamond Cycle - \$1,750 value.
- Lightspeed Delta Zulu Headset - \$1,199 value.
- Just Ducky Balloon Experience for 2 - \$1,200 value
- iPad Mini, 6th Gen, 256 GB, WiFi + 5G Cellular with Smart case - Value \$860
- MyGoFight Aviator Pro AL20 Suitcase - Value \$545

Any special awards?

- Win the *Spirit Award* for the most engaging, creative and inspirational flyout-related photo. Winner is awarded a \$99 gift certificate from Best Buy.
- Win the *Six-Pack Award*. Pilots who fly to all six airports are entered to win a Six-Pack Package.

How do I earn points?

- Each entry card equals 1 point; each point equals an entry to win a prize.
- Multiply your points by flying to more airports or by buying more cards.
- Buy as many entry cards as you like!
- The more points you earn, the more entries to win a prize.

# Entry Cards	1 Card	2 Cards	3 Cards	4 Cards	5 Cards
0 Airports	1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points
1-2 Airports	2 points	4 points	6 points	8 points	10 points
3-4 Airports	3 points	6 points	9 points	12 points	15 points
5 Airports	4 points	8 points	12 points	16 points	20 points
6 Airports	5 points	10 points	15 points	20 points	25 points

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What 6 airports do I fly to?

1. 44N Sky Acres
2. 42B Goodspeed
3. BID Block Island
4. WWD Cape May
5. GED Delaware Coastal
6. OXB Ocean City Municipal

How do I show my flyout landings?

Use any one of these 3 methods of verification:

- Photographs: Take a geotagged picture of yourself or a landmark at the airport.
- GPS Flight Log: Attach a ForeFlight, CloudAhoy, or FlightAware log.
- Receipts: Show us your fueling or airport restaurant receipt.



What are the rules of the event?

- All airports must be flown during the month of October 2023.
- All entry cards and airports visited must be received by 23:59 EST on October 31, 2023.
- Each flyout landing must have some form of dated and geo-tagged verification. Please submit all documents to fly@nj99s.org.
- Winners will be selected on November 4, 1:30 pm EST, at Lincoln Park (N07), Aero Safety Training. Participants must be present or have a proxy, in person or by Zoom. Winners will be able to select their choice of prize as names are drawn, otherwise a prize will be assigned.

How do I enter?

Visit our website at nj99s.org/fallflyout to donate a minimum amount of \$25 for an entry card. A receipt and an entry card will be emailed to you. Points accrued on your initial entry card will be linked to your ID# and automatically generated on all additional entries. You do not need to fly to purchase entry cards.



How can I see what my competitors are up to?

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [@flynj99s](https://www.instagram.com/flynj99s). Pictures and videos posted on social media with the hashtag #fallflyout are eligible to win the Spirit Award.


Have questions? Email fly@nj99s.org.

Have fun and thank you for supporting the NJ99s fundraising efforts!

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MT TOBERFEST


Rescheduled for October 20th - 23rd






Celebrate 100 years with us

2023 MARKS THE 100TH YEAR OF OPERATION FOR N41. THIS YEARS MT. TOBERFEST WILL BE THE CELEBRATION OF THOSE 100 YEARS!

FLY-IN + CAMP OUT



OCTOBER 6TH-9TH
MT. TOBERFEST
AVIATION EVENTS
AND CAMPING!!!



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EVENT SCHEDULE

Raffle Tickets
\$1.00 EACH
25 FOR \$20

FRIDAY OCT. 6TH

Arrival Day! Event attendees are free to arrive anytime!

4-6pm - Group fly out to Candelight Farms (11N), and Triumph (CT24)

6pm - Spot / STOL competition practice landings upon return to N41

7pm - Dinner and Campfire

8pm - Aviation-themed movie, and campfire

SATURDAY OCT. 7TH

7am - Breakfast is served! Pancakes, Sausage, bacon and breakfast dishes.
(\$15.00 donation requested)

8-10am - Group fly out to Salmon River (9B8), Goodspeed (42B)

10-11am - Spot / STOL competition practice landings upon return to N41

11-12pm - Lunch is served! Provided by Barnstormers Burgers Food Truck

12:30-2pm - 50/50 Pumpkin drop. \$10 per pumpkin 50/50 cash prize awarded

2:30-4pm - Friendly Spot / STOL landing "competition" Sponsor donated swag awarded to top three

4pm - Raffle drawing and prizes awarded (present to win)

6pm - Dinner is served! Provided by Barnstormers Burgers Food Truck

8pm - Aviation-themed movie, campfire, hanger flying stories and outright lies

Pumpkin drop
pumpkins
\$10



Meal Donation
Requested per Meal
\$15

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EVENT SCHEDULE

*Thank you for attending
and Thanks to our many
event supporters !!!*

SUNDAY OCT. 8TH

6-7am - Dawn Patrol Flight

7-8am - Breakfast is served! Pancakes, Sausage, bacon and breakfast dishes. (\$15.00 donation requested)

8-10am - Group fly outs to additional local strips TBD

10-11:30am - Spot / STOL landing practice, picture and video passes

12pm- Lunch is served! Provided by Barnstormers Burgers Food Truck

1-5pm additional events announced and scheduled TBD by remaining attendees

5pm- Dinner is served. Fajitas and taco night with all the fixins by event hosts (\$15.00 donation requested)

8pm- Aviation themed movie and campfire

Monday Oct. 9th - Free Day for anyone remaining

MAIN EVENT RAIN DATE SCHEDULE SUNDAY OCT. 8TH

13:00-15:00 - 50/50 Pumpkin drop. Raffle prizes and 50/50 awarded after pumpkin drop (present to win)

15:00-18:00 Friendly Spot / STOL landing "competition" Sponsor donated swag awarded to top three

18:00 Dinner is served! Grill burgers, brats, dogs, and all the fixins by event hosts (\$10.00 donation requested)

**ALL EVENT PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS
HELPING OFFSET THE MAINTENANCE COST OF
THE AIRPORT OR FOR FUTURE FLY IN EVENTS**

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EAA Chapter 27 Year 2023 Events

October 21 Sunday Fall Young Eagles Rally

EAA Chapter 1310 Year 2023 Events

Saturday November 4

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday December 9

Christmas Pot Luck Buffet

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/>

2023 Aviation Events

October 20th - 23rd MT Toberfest N41 come celebrate 100 years of operation - camping, fly-outs, pumpkin drop, STOL landing competition and more.

2024 Aviation Events

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

USAF Thunderbirds

July 22 - 28 EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh

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

September 13-24 Green Mountain Aviation Field Days

Hello Everyone!

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.

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We have decided we want this to be a very Vermont event so will not be a traditional "airshow". Our theme will focus on the "Past, Present, and Future of Aviation" with a heavy emphasis on aviation education and STEM. We are hoping for Statewide participation from various organizations.

Our "Green Mountain Aviation Field Days" will take place at Burlington International Airport (BTV) and will include as much flying as possible keeping in mind the limited airspace around the airport and that commercial flights will be operating throughout the event. Anticipate a lot of aviation / aircraft static's, "touch a truck" and STEM type exhibits. We set up this website last week so please give us some time to get it going.

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

Our event will take place on Friday, 13th and Saturday 14th of Sept 2024, with the VTANG having a separate Open House on Sunday the 15th over on the Base. We did consider combining the events but the logistics were problematic so there will be two separate events...although there may be opportunities to participate in both events...more to follow.

We would love to have your organization participate. Please let me know if you would be interested and any thoughts you may have to make this a phenomenal event. :)

Respectfully

Zip

S. Scott "Zip" Willits

Vermont Aviators Association

518-522-0017

vermontaviators.org



Classifieds

RV6A for sale needs to be finished - text Rick Rinaldi 203-910-2313

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)

KX175B nav/com and **KI204** indicator - Call or text Dave (860-484-9122)



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FOR SALE



**1970 PA 28-140
NARCO MK12D TSO 97
NARCO COM 810 TSO 06
KING KT 76A TRANSPONDER
LYCOMING O-320-E2A
TACH 4141.8 1869 SMOH ON LAST ANNUAL 11/24/22
COMP.1-76, 2-78, 3-71, 4-76/80
\$39,500
FRAN ULIANO 860-347-0412 (OWNER PILOT 42 YRS)**

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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*

(Please print)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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