

Minutes for the monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 166, October 28, 2017.
Meeting Location: Hartford Brainard Airport (KHFD)

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Steve Socolosky.

Attendance: 21.

Visitors:

Tom Spitler is a member of the Connecticut Flight Club based at KHFD. He is an EAA member and interested in joining Chapter 166. Tom spoke about his notable experiences at Oshkosh this past summer. Like many of the other members that attended, he had a great time at AirVenture 2017. Tom is also the individual that help our chapter obtain some of the chairs used by members during our meetings.

Greg Cooke attended his first EAA chapter meeting. Greg is a friend of Dave Armando and interested in joining our chapter, and experienced a recent Eagle Flight by Dave.

Kasper Renken and his mom Sandra attended. Kasper attended the EAA Air Academy this past summer. At the end of our meeting, Kasper spoke about his experiences there. Kasper was sponsored to attend by EAA Ch. 27, using Young Eagles credits from our Chapter and Ch. 1310.

Build Progress Reports

No build updates were provided.

Treasurer's Report

- Dave Armando gave the treasurer's report detailing the current chapter account balance. Reminder that it is time to pay your 2018 membership dues.

Secretary Report

Minutes from the September 30th meeting were approved by the membership.

Young Eagles

Mark Occhialini reported the Young Eagles flights held October 21st at KHFD was one of our best rallies yet! With the help of all our member volunteers and Mrs. Rachael Manzer, middle school teacher at the Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (AAE), our chapter gave flights to 52 children/young people. Forty of them experienced their very first eagle flight. Most of the young flyers were recruited by Mrs. Manzer from AAE. We had seven aircraft and a helicopter that offered flights during the day, which enabled all the participants to experience a flight within just a few hours. Our chapter owes a big thank you to Dave Armando, Tim Dale, Larry Gagnon, Aaron Gleixner, John Glennon, Bob Pulford, Steve Socolosky (along with Mark) for offering flights in their aircraft. The

chapter also wishes to thank Mrs. Manzer for helping recruit the **Young Eagles, our student members**, ground crew support (Russ Beers **and Ken Benson, mostly**), the Hartford Jet Center for use of Hangar #2 during the event, and all the great support from KHFD ATC personnel for keeping everyone safe and clear of the TFR over Rentschler Field.

Eagle Flights

Russ Beers provided two flights during the past month. Both individuals seem interested in pursuing flight training and possibly joining our chapter. **They are both young engineers working at P&W's Middletown facility, and both are looking to complete their Ground School portion of their training over the winter, if possible.**

Old Business

The Chapter's Awards Banquet is scheduled for November 11 at the Flying Monkey. The cost will be \$47 per person. The event will run from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will be a buffet dinner along with live music. Because of the limited space, attendance will be limited to the first 50-chapter members that sign up to attend. Please contact Dave or Russ, if you wish to attend.

New Business

- Members agreed to use some of the proceeds from the B17 visit to sponsor a student to attend EAA Air Academy Camp in 2018. Steve has reserved a spot for one student during Session #2, which runs from July 27 to August 4, 2018. Our chapter would cover the \$1528 tuition cost for one student. Ken Benson, Dave Rich, Rick Montero, and John Glennon (alternate) volunteered to be on the student selection committee and to define the selection process. The committee was tasked to select a student by early of February.
- The following individuals were nominated as 2018 Chapter Officers:
 - President – Steve Socolosky
 - Vice President – Russ Beers
 - Treasurer – Dave Armando
 - Secretary – Rick MonteroA final vote will be held during the Chapter Banquet on November 11.
- Dave Rich mentioned that the Connecticut Flight Club membership, based out of KHFD, is growing fast and the club is looking to lease another aircraft. If anyone has a four-seater/IFR equipped plane that is willing to lease, please contact Dave Rich or Rick Montero.
- Attendance will be recorded at all future meetings. A suggestion was made that there be some form of recognition for members that attend the most meetings. Attendance will be published with the monthly chapter meeting minutes.

Destination Report

- Members talked about several destination airports that are worth a visit. Most have good restaurants on site.
 - Groton (KGON)
 - South Bridge (3B0): Restaurant only takes cash
 - Keen (KEEN)
 - Rutland (KRUT)
 - Sullivan County International (KMSV)
 - Kobelt (N45)
 - Great Barrington (KGBR) – Steve mentioned that this facility also offers tail wheel endorsement training and will be getting 94 octane unleaded fuel.

Up Coming Events

- Our Awards Dinner: Sat., November 11, 5-9:00 pm. Social Hour 5-6:00 pm, Buffet Dinner served 6-7:00 pm.
- Veteran's Day recognition events are planned at the New England Air Museum and at the Pratt & Whitney Hangar on November 11.

The chapter meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Following the chapter meeting, Kasper Renkin (student member of Chapter 27), gave a presentation on his EAA Air Academy experience. Kasper spent a week at the EAA Air Academy this past summer where he got to experience rides in a Bell Helicopter and a Sky Catcher. He got to experience **zero** G maneuvers while flying in the Sky Catcher. During the week, he got to build wing components out of balsa wood and composite, he got to tour the EAA museum, learned about the space shuttle, and got to fly aircraft flight simulators. Overall it was a great experience he will never forget. His mother Sandra also spoke to thank our members for helping give Kasper this opportunity. She said that if it were not for EAA chapter members like ours, Kasper and other children like him would never get experiences like those offered by the Young Eagles program or the EAA Air Academy. Sandra's comments were heartwarming and were a great reminder of the mission of the Young Eagles program.

Sincerely,
Rick Montero
Secretary, EAA Chapter 166

Attendance for October 28, 2017

**EAA Chapter 166
Member Roster**

Last Name	First Name	Check for Attendance		Last Name	First Name	Check for Attendance
Allard	Eugene			Liebig	Mary	
Armando	Dave			Linker	Howard	
Barlow	Mel			Livingston	Neil	
Beers	Russell	✓		Malone	Joe	
Benson	Ken	✓		McEvitt	Lamont	
Bergeron	Dan			Mckay	Steve	
Bergeron	Pat			Messikim	Jeffery	✓
Brown	Sandy			Midford	Gil	✓
Cassineri	Joseph	✓		Montero	Rick	✓
Chandler	Scott	✓		Occhialini	Mark	✓
Chownec	Evan	✓		Olech	Andrew	
Chownec	Rick	✓		Olsen	Jack	
Cichocki	Tony			Petry	Tom	
Clark	Newton			Prentiss	Greg	
Cyr	Jerry			Pulford	Robert	
Dale	Tim			Rackow	Monty	
Faile	David			Rich	David	✓
Foley	Bill			Ritter	Tom	
Gagne	Charles			Rossignol	Norm	
Gagnon	Larry			Royer	Daniel	
Gauthier	Joe			Rutka	Lindsey	
Glazier	Doug			Rychlovsky	Bob	✓
Gleixner	Aaron			Scaum	Rob	
Glennon	John	✓		Schwartzman	Moe	
Glista	Jim			Sepulvado	Gary	✓
Graham	Norm			Sevigny	Steve	
Gutowski	Bogdan			Simard	Gabe	
Hilditch	Jack			Sipple	Jerome	
Hoy	Phil	✓		Small	Howard	
Hucks	Brian			Socolosky	Steve	✓
Jankowski	Jeremy			Steffens	Charles	
Johnson	Armand			Stoner	Barry	
Kavanagh	Preston			Sweetman	Gary	
Kelly	Pat			Sylvester	Mike	
Kenefick	Peter			Taylor	Bob	
King	Jeffery			Terrio	Ken	
Krueger	Eric			Turcotte	Linc	
Kulikowski	Tom			Walter-Robinson	Dale	
Kunkle	Rod			Wilson	Chris	✓
L'Heureux	Pierre			Wood	David	