



# EAA Chapter 166 Newsletter

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#### President's Message:

To our fellow Members,

As I write, I am stilled amazed at what we were able to do yesterday (Sat., October 21<sup>st</sup>) when we flew over 50 Young Eagles and helped each of them experience the thrill of flight! Most of the Young Eagles came from The Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (AAE) and I usually get contacted by students who have become Young Eagles, to work on the RV-12 – I wonder why???. Mrs. Rachael Manzer, middle school science teacher, was key to recruiting most of our Young Eagles yesterday! Mark Occhialini, our Young Eagles coordinator, said it was one of our best rallies yet! Agreed! With seven airplanes and one helicopter (we can always count on Dave Armando!) and some stellar weather, not to mention a TFR for the UConn football game, our members made it all happen for some very enthusiastic Young Eagles! Huge thanks to all who helped out, especially our student members, all Young Eagles themselves, who came back to help! We are also very grateful to Lindsey Rutka and Shep Duro, of Hartford Jet Center, for the use of Hangar 2, as well as Darryl Beauford, tower manager, who briefed us on procedures for the TFR at our Young Eagles pilot meeting. Mark, Eric and Dave provided us with the usual high level of Air Traffic Control up in the tower, being another important piece to our successful event! We hope to do it all again next April or May!

**IMPORTANT:** At our October meeting, we will be setting our slate and making nominations for officers for 2018. Nominations will be accepted for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Chapter 166 Upcoming Events:

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET:** Our Annual Awards Banquet at the Flying Monkey with live music, Saturday, November 11, 2017, from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Cost: \$47 per person. Please contact Dave Armando or Russ Beers to reserve your spot(s). EAA 2018 calendars will be available at the dinner for \$10 each.

I hope to see you all there next Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 for our regular monthly meeting! Our presentation will consist of Kasper Renkin, explaining his experience at EAA's Air Academy this past summer. Kasper is from Ch. 27 in Meriden and was helped by us and Ch. 1310 with Young Eagle credits.

**BLUE SKIES!**  
*Steve Socolosky*

#### Secretary's Report:

Minutes for the monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 166, September 30, 2017.

## **Meeting Location: Hartford Brainard Airport (KHFD)**

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

Attendance: 20.

### **Visitors:**

Richard Musall and his son and daughter Kairi Musall, and Trisha Musall. Richard is a former Pratt employee that spent several years in Asia. His son Kairi wants to earn a private pilot certificate and also has plans to be an aviator in the Marines. They currently live in Glastonbury.

Wave Thomas is an AAE student member involved in the RV12 build. Wave spoke about his experiences with the RV-12 build.

### **Build Progress Reports**

The AAE RV12 build at Steve's school is going well. They have ordered the engine and expect delivery in October. The left wing is currently under construction. The team will be ready to order avionics soon and plan to complete construction and have it ready to fly in 2019.

Norm Graham reported that he has bought a 1959 C182 that is configured for bush flying. He said it is a lot of fun to fly. Now that he has the C182, he plans to sell his Mooney.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The chapter has \$9,301 in its account. The commission from the recent B17 visit was approximately \$5300. Ideas floated for use of this money ranged from setting aside \$1500 for a possible 2018 visit by the B17, purchasing a sign for the FBO to advertise the presence of our EAA chapter, sponsoring a student to attend the EAA Air Academy and purchasing furniture or equipment upgrades for our chapter meeting room at KHFD.

### **Secretary Report**

Minutes from the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by the membership.

### **Young Eagles**

Mark Occhialini reported the next Young Eagle flights will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> at KHFD. The chapter needs volunteers to help. So far, Mark has six planes and a helicopter scheduled to offer flights. The focus will be on first timers. Mark said he is expecting 30- 50 children to participate in these flights. If you wish to volunteer, please be at Hangar 2 by 8:30 a.m.

### **Eagle Flights**

Russ Beers reported that he carried out two Eagle Flights in the past month. These are one on one flight experiences for adults that have an interest in aviation. EAA provides insurance for the flights and offers a six-month EAA membership to the Eagle Flight participants.

### **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 be 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. Dave and Russ will start a roster.

## New Business

Norm suggested we add a "Destination Report" to the agenda of our future meetings. This will allow us to discuss the many upcoming regional events and to also help get the word out on good places to visit. One such place mentioned was the Diner that has re-opened at the Southbridge (3B0) Airport. It is open Tuesday through Sunday and is reported to serve very good food.

## Up Coming Events

- The AOPA FLY-IN at Groton Airport (GON) is scheduled for October 6-7.
- Our chapter's next Young Eagle Flights will be held on October 21, 2017.
- Our Awards Dinner: Sat., November 11, 5-9:00 pm. Social Hour 5-6:00 pm, Buffet Dinner served 6-7:00 pm.

The chapter meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Our next chapter meeting will be on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. At this meeting there will be a presentation on the EAA Air Academy by Kasper Renken, who Ch. 27 sponsored, using Young Eagles credits from us and Ch. 1310

Following the chapter meeting, Steve Socolosky gave a presentation on his visit to the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71), which is a Nimitz Class Aircraft Carrier. Steve visited the "The Big Stick" while it was 200 miles off the coast of San Diego back in April of this year. He got to experience an arrested landing and catapult launch in a C2 Greyhound cargo aircraft. Steve got to spend a day and a night aboard, received a guided tour of the ship, and got witnessed day and night launches of F18's. Steve shared several video clips and numerous photos from his visit aboard. His presentation both entertaining and informative. We all thanked Steve for sharing this great experience with us.

Sincerely,  
Rick Montero  
Secretary, EAA Chapter 166







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