



# EAA Chapter 166 Newsletter



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#### President's Message:

**Hello fellow Chapter 166 members!**

**Our next meeting is SATURDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, AT 10:00 A.M., at Hartford Jet Center, and we have much to do and it's all GOOD! Please join us and feel free to bring a friend/relative or two . . . or three! I am very anxious to hear how Oshkosh was for those members who attended!**

**Immediately following our meeting, a very informative presentation will be given by Russ Beers and Joe Gauthier on what amateur-built logbooks should include and other useful record keeping practices.**

**We will be discussing several events and programs going on within our Chapter which all help to promote home building and aviation.**

**-Russ Beers has been organizing several Eagle Flights, as our Eagle Flight coordinator, which has had several interested folks wanting to learn more! Several Eagles have been flown by members, Russ, Aaron Gleixner, Bob Pulford and Mark Occhialini. Some of these Eagles may be attending our meeting! Welcome! Please see some pictures at the end of this newsletter.**

**-Our next Young Eagles Rally, in October, has already had some preliminary planning as we get ready to expose young people to the thrill of flight!**

**-Our B-17, "Aluminum Overcast," will be here from September 15 – 17! Please keep an eye out for emails from either Lamont McEvitt or myself, as we will be having final organizational meetings in the coming weeks. Please see the attached flyer.**

**-There will be an Open House at Windham Airport, sponsored by Hartford Jet Center, on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017, from 11:00 AM to 2:00PM.**

**-FINALLY, DON'T FORGET: Our Annual Awards Banquet at the Flying Monkey, Saturday, November 11, 2017.**

**I hope to see you all there next week!**

**BLUE SKIES!**  
**Steve Socolosky**

## Secretary's Report:

### **Minutes for the monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 166, June 24, 2017.**

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Steve Socolosky. It was the Chapter's second meeting at the new location at Brainard Airport.

#### **Visitors**

Sue Linker, attended our meeting with Howard Linker. Welcome Sue!

#### **Build Progress Reports**

Howard Linker reported that he has completed the carburetor linkage on his Sonex.

Jeremy Jankowski is building a RV-8 and brought his partially assembled vertical stabilizer ribs to get advice on how to install rivets in difficult to reach locations.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The Chapter has \$4,100 in its account.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Minutes from the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted by the membership.

#### **Old Business**

Planning for the B-17 Tour Stop at KHFD on September 14 - 17 continues. Lamont McEvitt is the chapter lead for this tour stop. Steve reported that we will soon receive marketing posters for the event. Planning meetings will become more frequent as the date approaches. Volunteers will be needed to help make this event a success.

Steve reported that he is working to get continued approval for the RV-12 build on going at the CREC Academy of Aerospace and Engineering. The build team plans to buy the engine in January.

The Chapter's Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, November 11 at the Flying Monkey.

#### **New Business**

Chapter members Linc Turcotte, David Rich, and Rick Montero volunteered at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rib-Off BBQ Competition at KHFD. The event sold out and was a great success. The winner of the Best Ribs and overall Best BBQ was Team "Hog Tied." All proceeds from the event were donated to the Pegasus Wings Program Pilot Training Fund and the Marc Community Resources. The Hartford Jet Center is planning to host the event again next year.

There will a Runway Safety Meeting on June 26 at KHFD. Steve asked the membership to propose discussion topics. Issues proposed were to get clarification regarding movement vs non-movement

areas near taxiway Juliet and to ask why KHFD ATC is not stating clearance to cross runway 29 when giving clearance to taxi to runway 02 via alpha.

As stated in May's meeting minutes, the KHFD ATC crew received the Willie F. Card Award for Excellence. Mr. Darryl Beauford, ATC Manager of the Brainard Control Tower, traveled to Washington D.C. for the award ceremony.

Steve made a correction regarding membership information for Young Eagles. At our May chapter meeting it was stated Young Eagles are offered free EAA Chapter membership until age 18. Young Eagles are actually offered free membership until age 19.

Young Eagles involved in RV builds are granted free admission to Oshkosh for the entire week.

## Up Coming Events

The Groton Airport will be hosting its Aviation Day on August 19. The EAA Chapter 334 is asking for volunteers to help at the event. If interested in volunteering, contact Bogdan Gutowski at 860-229-8529.

The AOPA FLY-IN at Groton Airport is scheduled for October 6-7.

Our chapter's next Young Eagle Flights will be held in October.

Our next chapter meeting will be on Saturday August 26th at 10:00 a.m. There will be no meeting in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Following the meeting, members reconvened at Steve's hangar for a cook out. Lots of good food was enjoyed by members and guests. The members also recognized Joe Gauthier for his many years of service to the chapter and the general aviation community. Thank you, Joe!

Sincerely,  
Rick Montero  
Secretary, EAA Chapter 166

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A few pictures of our Eagle Flights Coordinator, Russ Beers, some Mentor Pilots and some Eagles!





**If you would like to join EAA Chapter 166, please click on the link below for a fillable pdf form:**

[EAA Chapter 166 Membership Application Form](#)

