



EAA Chapter 166 Newsletter

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SPECIAL MEETING LOCATION FOR OUR MARCH 24, 2018 MEETING: We will be meeting at the Academy of Aerospace and Engineering at 1101 Kennedy Rd., Windsor, CT 06095 from 10:00 AM to NOON. We will have a brief meeting, then a 15 minute presentation from the students, followed by a show and tell of our RV-12! By the way, we now have 25 Student Members in our Chapter!

President's Message:

Hello fellow Chapter 166 members and HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Today (Sat., March 17), three students arrived at The Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (AAE) to do some building of their RV-12, which I hope you all will come out to see next Saturday!

It is always encouraging to me to see the enthusiasm these young people have for aviation! Two of the students are in eighth grade and the third is a freshman – all are in Civil Air Patrol, too! While it may not look like they accomplished a lot of building, the four hours they spent learning how to interpret drawings, use a pneumatic drill, load drill bits and reamers into a drill chuck, eat lots of Munchkins, use a digital caliper and document everything they did, including the next steps, was an invaluable experience! This happens all week, too (maybe not the Munchkins during school!!) They also know how important integrity is, especially when building a flying machine, because they know that they are responsible for the people who will someday be flying in it. Integrity is the first character trait we look for in all who work on the RV-12 at our school. The three students who worked today are great examples of students who not only demonstrate the integrity to build an airplane, but also demonstrate integrity every day, in and out of school.

Students like these are our future in aviation and they are out there! What else as a chapter, besides Young Eagles, RV-12 support, EAA Air Academy Scholarship and student membership, can we offer to help students like these, thrive in aviation? Please share your ideas. Let's keep it going and thank you to all of you who are helping our future in aviation!

Finally, **Please remember your 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$20.00 You can make your check (preferred) out to "EAA CH. 166" and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to our Treasurer, Dave Armando, 1765 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, CT 06033. Thank you!** I hope to see you all next Saturday at the Academy of Aerospace and Engineering in Windsor!

Steve O'Socolosky

Secretary's Report:

Minutes for the monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 166, February 24, 2018.

Meeting Location: Hartford Brainard Airport (KHFD)

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Steve Socolosky.

Attendance: 23.

Visitors:

- Scott Varni – Former pilot and neighbor of Aaron Gleixner. Use to work with Ken Benson.
- Scott Meyer – EAA member and professional pilot from Ohio. Fly's a Pilatus PC-12. Has worked at the EAA Air Academy in past.

Build Progress Reports

- Norm Graham sold his Mooney and bought a Cessna 182 bush plane. He uses it on the grass strip at his home in NH.
- Linc Turcotte complete service bulletin inspection and related repairs on his plane.
- AAE RV-12 Build: Currently working on tail cone and fuselage. Also performing service bulletin repair to stabilator trim tab. Aaron Gleixner mentioned there was another service bulletin recently issued for the RV12. The next big purchase for AAE's RV-12 will be the avionics. However, funding for future purchases is uncertain due to a tight school budget.

Treasurer's Report

Steve gave the treasurer's report detailing the current chapter account balance. He stated many members still have not paid their membership fee. The membership fee is \$20 and due now.

Secretary Report

Ken Benson motioned to accept the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was approved by the membership.

Young Eagles

Mark Occhialini reported that the next young eagle flights are scheduled for April 21st. The October date for Young Eagle Flights will need to be changed due to a conflict with the EAA Leadership Boot Camp. The new date is TBD.

Eagle Flights

Russ Beers reported that no eagle flights have occurred during the past month. However, he plans to give three talks over the next month which should generate new interest.

Old Business

- The Awards Banquet is scheduled for November 3 at the Hartford Chowder Pot. It will be a joint banquet with EAA Chapter 1310.
- Our June 30th meeting will be held at Steve Socolosky's hangar, which will include a cook-out.

- Rick Montero reminded members that the deadline for EAA Air Academy scholarship applications is February 28. To date, the selection committee has not received any applications. Steve said he knows of two students planning to apply.

New Business

- Our March 24th meeting will be held at the CREC Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (1101 Kennedy Road, Windsor, CT). Following a brief chapter meeting, the students of AAE will present their work and progress on the RV-12 build.
- B17 visit: The B17 will not come to HFD this fall due to enforcement of a policy to only operate out of airfields with runways of 5000 feet or greater. Steve is exploring an option to host the B17 at Westfield (BAF). If we use Westfield, EAA has offered October 4 -7 as reservation dates. Steve has contacted the airport and FBO managers and EAA Chapter 1478 (North Hampton). All appear very interested in hosting and possibly tying the event to an open house. A follow-up meeting is planned in a few weeks to make a final decision regarding this event. If interested in helping out with this event, please let Steve know.
- The EAA Leadership Boot Camp has been moved to October 13, 2018. Our chapter will host the event and will be responsible for providing coffee/donuts in the morning and lunch for 40 to 50 attendees. Ken Benson has secured the P&W Museum for this event. Mark Occhialini volunteered to cook lunch. Please contact Ken if you wish to help during this event. The event is open to all and especially beneficial for chapter officers.
- Bogdan Gutowski is looking for help to man a booth at the Glastonbury High School Career Fair on March 29th. He has been asked to staff a booth that will provide information related to Aviation Careers. If interested in helping out with this event, please contact Bogdan or Steve by March 2nd. Bogdan will also need help at the Westerly High School Career Fair on April 8th.
- Steve is working with HFD FBO and AOPA to see if the 2021 AOPA Regional Fly-in can be held in Hartford, which will coincide with HFD's 100th Anniversary.
- If anyone is interested in organizing after meeting fly-outs, Steve suggested organizers send out emails a week prior to the chapter meeting. Norm Graham invited chapter members to visit his home field in New Hampshire (NH69). He said it has a very nice 250 x 4000 ft grass runway.

Destination Report

- None to report this month

Up Coming Events

- The next chapter meeting, March 24, will be held at the CREC Academy of Aerospace and Engineering.

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

Following the chapter meeting, Russ Beers gave two talks about his trips to North Adams, MA and Shelbourne, VT. His trip to Harriman and West (AQW) in North Adams, MA was to attend a Movie/Camping Night at North Adams. This event is typically held in the July to August time frame at the North Adams airport. Pilots can fly-in and camp at the airport. A movie is shown Friday night and following there is typically a bonfire. Russ described it as a great event to socialize with other aviation enthusiasts.

Also located in North Adams is the Museum of Contemporary Art (MoCA). Russ said it is short cab ride from the airport and well worth a visit. He warned it is a large museum, so give yourself plenty of time to explore all the exhibits. He and his wife spent four hours there and saw only a small fraction of what the museum has to offer.

Russ next talked about his visit to Shelbourne (VT8). The airfield has a 3100 ft grass strip. Located a mile from the airfield is the Shelbourne Museum. They have 39 builds spread over 45 acres loaded with Art and American historical artifacts, which include horse drawn vehicles, New England architecture, locomotives, and the fully restored 1906 Steamboat Ticonderoga.

Both talks were very interesting and engaging. The members in attendance really appreciated the time Russ spent preparing these talks.

Sincerely,
Rick Montero
Secretary, EAA Chapter 166

Attendance for February 24, 2018

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	✓
Cassinieri	Joseph		Montero	Rick	✓
Chandler	Scott		Occhialini	Mark	✓
Chownec	Evan		Olech	Andrew	
Chownec	Rick		Olsen	Jack	
Cichocki	Tony		Petry	Tom	
Clark	Newton		Prentiss	Greg	
Cook	Greg		Pulford	Robert	✓
Cyr	Jerry		Rackow	Monty	
Dale	Tim		Rich	David	✓
Faile	David		Ritter	Tom	✓
Foley	Bill		Rosignol	Norm	✓
Gagne	Charles		Royer	Daniel	
Gagnon	Larry		Rutka	Lindsey	
Gauthier	Joe		Rychlovsky	Bob	✓
Glazier	Doug		Scaum	Rob	
Gleixner	Aaron	✓	Schwartzman	Moe	
Glennon	John		Sepulvado	Gary	
Glista	Jim		Seigny	Steve	
Graham	Norm	✓	Simard	Gabe	
Gutowski	Bogdan	✓	Sipple	Jerome	
Hilditch	Jack		Small	Howard	
Hoy	Phil		Socolosky	Steve	✓
Hucks	Brian		Spitler	Tom	✓
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	
Kurkie	Rod		Wilson	Chris	✓
L'Heureux	Pierre		Wood	David	
Lichtenfels	Fred	✓			
Guests			Guests		
Last Name	First Name	EAA Member	Last Name	First Name	EAA Member
Varni	Scott				
Stevenson	James	✓			
Meyer	Scott	✓			

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](#)

