



# EAA Chapter 166 Newsletter

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**\*\*\*NEXT MEETING DATE: SAT., 25 JANUARY 2020 at 10:00 AM\*\*\***

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR 2020 DUES - \$20.00 – CASH OR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: EAA 166, Inc. YOU CAN SEE TOM AT THE MEETING OR MAIL IT TO HIM AT: EAA Chapter 166, c/o Tom Spitler, P.O. Box 682, Hebron, CT 06248**

### President's Message:

Greetings fellow Chapter 166 members and Happy New Year! What is going to happen this year with EAA Ch. 166?

How about our Ray Scholar, Daniel Royer, earning his Private Pilot Certificate by May with his first solo imminent? How about Joe Cassineri who is also close to soloing? Our scholarship for the EAA Advanced Air Academy is open and we are confident another deserving Student member will be attending! Then there's our presence on March 7, at the New England Air Museum on Women in Aviation Day, where we will be promoting Young Eagles! Oh, and on the same day, we are hosting our second EAA Leadership Boot Camp at Brainard Airport! I hope some of our members, especially our student members, will be registering for this event! [REGISTER HERE!](#) It's a fun way to learn how to make our Chapter better! By the way, getting back to Young Eagles, John Glennon is setting us up for a Young Eagles Rally at Southbridge Airport (3B0) in April! We will also be flying Young Eagles at Windham Airport's Open House in September again! Unfortunately, Aluminum Overcast will not be flying here in the Northeast this year (maybe next spring?), but we are hopeful to host the Ford Tri-Motor at Brainard Airport and how about a hangar dance, too? We will be launching a new web site! We are also close to begin building our RV-12 with a small space in Hangar 2 (H2) almost ready to accept the tail cone and fuselage for construction!

Our Directors meeting on 11 JAN, was well-attended by Student members and members who are past Presidents, current officers and members. We had a productive meeting, as you can see from the above-mentioned activities! Of course, we are engaged in these activities because we have many various interests and always seem to have our members turn out to support our endeavors – THANK YOU! If you'd like to help with anything, just let us know! We always try to have fun (and food!) with anything we do!

See you all Saturday! **BLUE SKIES!**

*Steve Socolosky*

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## **EAA Chapter 166 – BRAINARD AIRPORT – H1**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 26 OCT 2019**

**10:00 AM**

**Meeting Called to Order Time: 10:03AM**

**NO. MEMBERS PRESENT: 20**

**NO. STUDENT MEMBERS PRESENT: 2**

**NO. of GUESTS PRESENT: 6**

- Guests & their interests: Kelly & father George Meier visited; Kelly has aspirations to be a helicopter mechanic. WTG Kelly and welcome to you both! Nate Spiller & Brandon Lavidette with Rectrix Aviation at Barnes (KBAF) flew down in a C172. Both provided excellent support for the recent EAA B17 visit.
- Progress/Tech Counselor's Reports: Gil Midford is now out of Phase I flight testing & has the fuel bill to prove it! Wife has had her 1<sup>st</sup> flight – another milestone! Now working static system certification. Wheel pants and landing gear fairings for his RV7A come next. Congrats Gil on your substantial accomplishments! Ted Arzt is pursuing his Kolb helicopter itch. With Dave Armando & Kelly Meier in the chapter, he's in good company. Linc's excellent RV6 adventure continues with 12 hours on the clock. 1<sup>st</sup> oil change and oil filter dissection complete with no anomalous indications. Phase I flight testing & POH (pilots operating handbook) development continues.
- Secretary's report:  
Motion to approve Linc's minutes as published: Motion: Steve Socolosky Second: Rick Montero
- Treasurer's report: \$ 6,837.62 TTL; \$20. Chapter membership dues, \$2,391.50 income from B17 visit, \$219. for B17 visit expenses
- ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER: To be held Saturday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at Hartford Armory Officers Club, 360 Broad St., #107 Hartford Ct. 06105. Attitude Adjustment starts at 5pm with dinner at 6pm. Tom Spitler

collecting reservations, and meal choices. \$30./person. Brenda & Norm Rosignol will bring EAA video.

- 501(c)(3): No updates to report
- B-17 Deposit Amt: See 'Treasurer's report' above
- YOUNG EAGLES Mark O.: Helicopter flight provided by Dave Armando to Larry Gagnon's grandson.

#### Old Business:

- RAY AVIATION SCHOLAR UPDATE – Dan Royer reports he has completed Ground School and plans to take his Written Test in the coming week. A passing grade will qualify him to receive a Lightspeed Zulu 3 headset. Will fly two or three times per week going forward, weather permitting.
- JOE CASSINERI (\$1000.00) UPDATE: Joe has comparable hours as Dan; weather delays also a factor. Written Test also on the horizon.
- B-17 Visit again a very successful endeavor for Chapter 166! Our efforts assure we'll be included in future visit plans by our EAA parent. Coming on the heels of the loss of the Colins Foundation B17, we did much to instill a sense of confidence in the safe operation of this historic aircraft. We're getting pretty good at this! Several members didn't get enough of a 'fix' over the long weekend and flew on the 'relocation flight' to KMGJ – Orange County Airport in Montgomery NY on the Monday following the Barnes visit. Many thanks to Bob Pulford for piloting the chase plane & bringing members back!
- SAT., OCT 5 – GIRLS IN AVIATION – Our own Steve Socolosky supported

#### New Business:

- RV-12 – STUDENT MEMBER-FOCUSSED
  - FORM A TEAM – WHO? Manu Ramesh, Monty Rackow, Rick Montero and others expressed interest. Rick to establish schedule and assignments / areas of interest.

- Lindsey of Hartford Jet Center providing tremendous support including hangar space. Will have a caged area prepared including heated office space for winter. Interested members to visit after today's meeting.
  - Dan Royer advised build status: Stabilator (SB affected) & tail cone near completion; fuselage is next major effort.
  - Aircraft being built as ELSA and will be club owned, not chapter.
  - Bogdan Gutowski has a natural-gas space heater available – appropriate for a 2-car garage sized area.
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- ELECTIONS: Steve spoke to upcoming election of chapter officers (to be held in conjunction with Awards Dinner) and asked for volunteers. Identified candidates include Steve Socolosky for Chapter President, Rick Montero for VP, and Linc Turcotte for Secretary
  - Presenters: None.
  - NEXT MEETING: SAT., 25 JAN 2020 – 10:00 AM at HJC H1.
  - Motion to adjourn – Time: 11:10 AM

Respectfully submitted by:

Linc Turcotte

Acting Secretary

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## EAA CH 166 MEMBERSHIP FORM



*B-2 over Kansas – taken from an airliner*