



EAA Chapter 166 Newsletter

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*****NEXT MEETING DATE: SAT., 29 FEBRUARY 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!

We have many exciting events going on and if aviation is your passion, then please read on and feel free to jump in and be a part of any or all of our upcoming activities!

First, as I announced earlier this month, EAA Chapter 166 is now a 501 (c)(3) organization, thanks to the diligent efforts of our Treasurer, Mr. Tom Spitler. Many thanks, Tom! I have already had an offer from a local business, which wants to make a donation to our RV-12 project!

Speaking of our RV-12, we have moved the fuselage and tail cone, along with tools and other parts, over to Hangar 2, so we can begin construction. Last Saturday, Rick Montero took the lead, and with several other members, held our very first RV-12 training session! We will have another training session this Saturday, from 12 to 3 PM. There were over 25 members who came to learn the very basics of aircraft construction! Joe Gauthier was very helpful in helping us get acquainted with the many aspects of home built aircraft!

Women Take Flight! Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. This is an event we will be participating in at the New England Air Museum (NEAM) to promote Young Eagles! Members Manu Ramesh and Brenda Rossignol will be staffing our table to educate young ladies on the opportunity to go flying with us! Thanks Manu and Brenda. Please see the following link: https://www.neam.org/shell.php?page=programs_2020_women_take_flight

Also, on Saturday, March 7, we will once again be hosting EAA's Leadership Boot Camp, from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM and thanks to Lindsey Rutka, we will be holding this event in Hangar 1! Thank you, Lindsey!

Finally, we have a very special guest speaker who is a photographer, Mr. Jeff Crandall. "What kind of photographer?" you may ask. Obviously, Jeff must be photographer of aircraft, right? Of course, so am I! However, Jeff spent much of his photography time in the Navy, flying with the Blue Angels! What? Yes, that's right! I can't wait to hear his stories!

See you all Saturday! **BLUE SKIES!** -Steve Socolosky

EAA Chapter 166 25 January 2020 Meeting Attendees						
Last Name	First Name	Check for Attendance		Last Name	First Name	Check for Attendance
Armando	Dave			Maher	Ken	
Arzt	Theodore	✓		McEvitt	Lamont	
Barlow	Mel	✓		Messikiam	Jeffery	
Beers	Russell			Midford	Gil	✓
Benson	Ken			Montero, Sr.	Rick	✓
Bergeron	Dan	✓		Montero	Rick	✓
Chandler	Scott			Nembhard	Cadeem	
Clark	Newton			Occhialini	Mark	✓
Cook	Greg			Olsen	Jack	✓
Cyr	Jerry			Prentiss	Greg	
DiFusco	Joseph			Pulford	Robert	✓
Faile	David			Rackow	Monty	✓
Foley	William			Ramesh	Manu	✓
Gagne	Charles	✓		Rich	David	
Gagnon	Larry			Ritter	Tom	
Gauthier	Joe			Rossignol	Brenda	✓
Gleixner	Aaron			Rossignol	Norm	
Glennon	John			Rutka	Lindsey	
Glista	Jim	✓		Ryan	Benjamin	✓
Graham	Norm			Rychlovsky	Bob	✓
Gutowski	Bogdan			Schwartzman	Moe	
Hilditch	Jack			Sepulvado	Gary	
Hoy	Phil			Socolosky	Steve	✓
Jankowski	Jeremy			Spitler	Tom	✓
Kelly	Pat			Stevenson	James	✓
Kulikowski	Tom			Stoner	Barry	
Lichtenfels	Fred			Sweetman	Gary	
Lidzbarski	Mark			Taylor	Bob	
Linker	Howard			Turcotte	Linc	✓
Student Members				Wilson	Chris	
Antony	Austin			Guests		
Batchelor	Dontay	✓		Spiller	Nate	
Cassineri	Joseph	✓		Lavidette	Brandon	
Chowanec	Evan					
Doherty	Bridget	✓		Meier	Kelly	
Goods	Manny			Meier	George	
Royer	Dan	✓		Ronan	Allison	✓
Srivastava	Jay			Stamm	Collin	
Thomas	Wave	✓		Shea	Donna	✓
				Doherty	Cindy	✓
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Secretary's Report by Linc Turcotte:

EAA Chapter 166 – BRAINARD AIRPORT – H1
Meeting Agenda and Notes
Date: 25 January 2020
10:00 AM

Meeting Called to Order Time: 10:05AM
NO. MEMBERS PRESENT: 20
NO. STUDENT MEMBERS PRESENT: 5
NO. of GUESTS PRESENT: 3

- Guests & their interests: Welcome to Bridget Doherty and her Mom Cindy. Glad you could join us and hope to see more of you both!
- Progress/Tech Counselor's Reports: Gil Midford's RV7A is now well out of his Phase I flight test period. Next on Gil's agenda is paint which will probably happen in March. Need to get an update from Ted Arzt on his Kolb helicopter status. Linc's RV6 now has 28 hours on the clock and he's figured out how to land the dang thing - consistently! On most recent flight, activated roll and pitch servo's; Foreflight Track Logs show straight and true tracks. Autopilot use a great aid when recording performance at different power, and RPM settings.
- Secretary's report:
Motion to approve Linc's minutes as published: Motion: Steve Socolosky Second: Rick Montero
- Treasurer's report: Tom reported on chapter income, expenses, and current account balance.
To date, thirty-six (36) chapter members have paid their 2020 dues. If you haven't paid yet, please see Tom Spitler as soon as you can. Thank-You!!!
- 501(c)(3) Early February NEWS FLASH: The IRS has approved our tax-exempt status! Thanks to our Treasurer Tom Spitler for successfully spearheading this effort!
- RAY AVIATION SCHOLAR UPDATE – Dan Royer has passed his written – a substantial achievement: CONGRATS Dan! Weather continues to interfere with flight scheduling but progress is being made with solo flight attainment in sight. March maybe? (no pressure here!)
- JOE CASSINERI (\$1000.00) UPDATE: Joe too has been facing weather induced delays. Written Test also on the horizon.

New Business:

- No B-17 visit this year due west coast commitments. We are in EAA nationals' sights for the spring of 2021 which could be a joint / shared resources visit where we host both the B-17 and B-25. How cool would that be?!?! A Ford Tri-Motor visit to Brainard may also become a reality.
- Saturday March 7 – EAA Chapter 166 to host to EAA Chapter Leadership Boot Camp from 8am – 5pm. Learn more and register at EAA.org/BootCamp A kick-off dinner will also be held at the U.S.S. Chowder Pot restaurant in Hartford the evening before. See any chapter officer for more info on this event.
- Also on March 7 – Women Take Flight 10am – 4pm at the New England Air Museum. Our own Manu Ramesh will be supporting and promoting Young Eagles. Additional volunteers needed / welcomed.
- This years AwardsDinner is scheduled for Saturday 14 November and will again be held at the *excellent* CT State Armory Officers Club. Social hour at 1700, Dinner at 1800 for a cost of \$30. per person. Mark your calendars now!
- Presenters: Our Treasurer Tom and his aviating partner Donna gave an excellent & highly motivational presentation on the virtues of setting off to new destinations. Very enlightening – Thanks!!
- NEXT MEETING: SAT., 29 FEB 2020 – 10:00 AM at HJC H1. Presenter will be Jeff Crandall, Blue Angels photographer

- Motion to adjourn – Time: 12:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Linc Turcotte

Secretary

If you would like to join EAA Chapter 166, please click on the link below.

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