



# *EAA Chapter 166 Newsletter*

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***SAT., 25 APR 2020 MEETING IS CANCELLED!***

***\*\*\*NEXT MEETING DATE: SAT., 30 MAY 2020 at 10:00 AM\*\*\****

*President's Message:*

Dear EAA Chapter 166 Members,

How about Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> for our next meeting? We will try for next month and I will be sending out our monthly newsletter as usual to keep everyone informed. I apologize for being a few days behind as usual.

I have a few announcements, followed by updates from FOUR of our Student Members who are actively pursuing their Private Pilot Certificates!

First, I was informed by Scott Cameron, Director of EAA's Air Academy, that EAA has canceled all camps this summer. As a result, our recipient has the option of going next year or declining. If they decide not to attend next year, we will still retain our spot for 2021. We also have a new website as EAA discontinued the free service with the other vendor. Daniel Royer and his father have graciously offered to start up a new one, which is much easier to maintain and upload pictures to. Thank you to Daniel and his father Erick! We are still building it, but please take a look and let me know if you have any suggestions or if you would like to contribute material such as pictures, writings or if you would like to help maintain it. Thanks! Our new website: <http://eaa166.org/> We are also working on our Facebook page, so once again, if you have knowledge and experience or material, and would like to help, please let me know. Thank you!

NOW, HERE ARE A FEW UPDATES BELOW, FROM FOUR OF OUR STUDENT MEMBERS:

**1 - Daniel Royer – EAA Chapter 166 Ray Scholarship recipient: \$10,000.00**



Within the next couple of days after my solo, I went for another solo flight in the pattern to practice some touch and go's get used to flying solo. Since I started my cross countries prior to my solo, I was already ahead for continuing after my solo. I now have gone on 4 cross countries to Fitchburg, MA (FIT), Poughkeepsie, NY (POU), Colombia County, NY (1B1), and Newport, RI (UUU). Within this time, I have also completed all of my solo cross-country requirements so on my next cross country with my instructor, Alec, I will get my solo cross-country endorsement. This week, I also started on my check ride prep with Terry and began going over the ACS (Airman Certification Standards) which will continue to review on the bad weather days. I have also received my free Lightspeed Zulu 3 headset which I have used quite a bit with all of the flying I have been doing and I absolutely love the headset, especially the noise cancellation!

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

"The good thing about flying solo is it's never boring" ~ Steve Fossett

Be well,  
Daniel Royer  
(Daniel is a Business Major at the University of Hartford)

**2 - Joe Cassineri – EAA Chapter 166 scholarship recipient: \$1000.00**



About a month ago Terry Keller down at Premier Flight School contacted me asking if I would like additional hours, both for ground school and flying. I was enrolled in the Premier ground school course and made it halfway through before the class sessions were canceled due to health and safety concerns, leaving me questioning how I'd be able to finish the content. Luckily Terry stepped in, and now we're getting close to finishing the ground content and working closer to solo. I'm at the school 3-4 times a week, and fly about 2-3 of those days, weather permitting of course. At this point the flying is mostly polishing up important skills, further checking off the boxes on the pre-solo requirements list. At this rate, Terry thinks it looks good for me to have my check ride by June or early July. Currently my lessons are scheduled as far as mid-June.

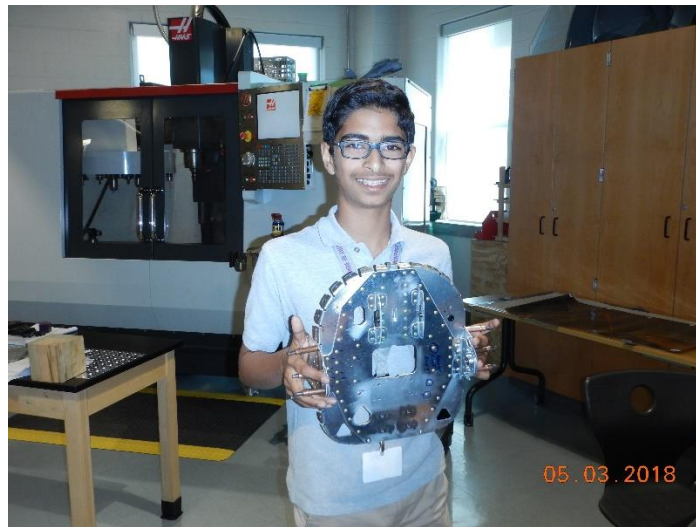
Overall, the experience has become part of a greater weekly routine, one that makes me proud to be a student pilot! As hard as it can be at times, flight lessons have kept me motivated and productive during a time when the world is shut down, and sitting at home is my only other alternative.

Thank you, and safe skies,

Joe Cassineri

**(Joe is a senior at Wethersfield High School and will be attending Bridgewater State University majoring in Aviation Science)**

**3 - Jay Srivastava – Young Eagle, EAA Chapter 166 Member and C/CMSgt in the Civil Air Patrol - Bravo Flight Sergeant at Royal Charter Composite Squadron - CT-071 CAC Primary.**



Jay, seen above holding the RV-12 fuselage bulkhead he helped build, while in Grade eight at the Academy of Aerospace and Engineering, also has a few hours of glider time and is very active with Civil Air Patrol! Jay was also recently awarded the Congressional Award Silver Medal for his aviation accomplishments! Congratulations Jay! Jay is also a sophomore at Loomis-Chaffee School in Windsor, CT.

**4 - Robbie Leone – Secretary Linc Turcotte's Grandson: Young Eagle Flight: March 21, 2020. Now becoming an A&P and Pilot!**



Since his Young Eagle Flight, Robbie Leone, has jumped all over Sporty's online Private Pilot course and is shown here, helping his proud grandfather, Linc Turcotte, work on the tailwheel of his RV-6. No doubt that Robbie will be a mechanic AND a flyer!

**We hope these four EAA Chapter 166 Student Members continue their journeys with success and enthusiasm! We are very proud of all of them!**

**Until hopefully next month when we can all get together again,**

**Keep healthy and *BLUE SKIES!***

*-Steve Socolosky*

**Secretary's Report by Linc Turcotte:** THERE WAS NO MEETING IN MARCH.

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# EAA CH 166 MEMBERSHIP FORM



**THE UNITED STATES NAVY BLUE ANGELS ARE SUSPENDING  
OPERATIONS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS**



**BECAUSE THE PILOTS MUST MAINTAIN A DISTANCE  
OF AT LEAST 6-FEET FROM ONE ANOTHER**



**DEMONSTRATIONS BY  
THE U.S. AIR FORCE  
THUNDERBIRDS  
WILL NOT BE  
AFFECTED.**