



EAA Chapter 166 Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING DATE: *SAT., 14 NOV 2020 at 10:00 AM*****

AT THE NEW ENGLAND AIR MUSEUM!

PLEASE PAY YOUR 2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Here is the renewal form which has our Treasurer, Dave Armando's address:

[EAA 166 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM](#)

President's Message:

Hello Everyone!

As I stated in my reminder email on 30 OCT, our next EAA Chapter 166 meeting, this Saturday, will be at the New England Air Museum at 10:00 AM! If you've never been or haven't been in a while, it's a great place with many fine aircraft. I have very fond memories of helping restore the B-29, "Jack's Hack"! The cost will be the price of admission (\$16.00 for adult, \$10.00 for ages 4-14), unless you are a Museum member, which is free. We are talking with the museum to possibly work out an agreement for us to meet there through the winter months and we will discuss more at the meeting.

ELECTIONS THIS MONTH! The slate of officers is as follows:

Steve Socolosky – President

Rick Montero – Vice President

Dave Armando – Treasurer

Dave Thompson – Secretary

We will vote at our next meeting or if we do not have enough members, we will put the vote out by email to all EAA 166 members in good standing.

New Private Pilot and EAA 166 Student Member Joe Cassineri! – 31 OCTOBER 2020 Trick or Treat!

Congratulations Joe!



June 25, 2016, along with his fellow Scouts,
Joe became a Young Eagle (second from right).



Now, Joe with Steve Socolosky after Joe passed his checkride.

NEW MEMBERS!

Dave Thompson, who has attended a few of our RV-12 build sessions and is interested in building, and who is also a pilot, has joined EAA 166 and graciously taken on the role of Secretary! Many thanks Dave and welcome to our Chapter!

Mickey Perez, who is Vice President of the CT Chapter of Women in Aviation International (WAI), has also joined our Chapter and is very interested in helping build our RV-12 and also helping our student members, especially the young ladies, with their aerospace careers! Welcome to our Chapter, Mickey!

RV-12 UPDATE: Linc has agreed to meet with anyone who would like to work on our RV-12, this Thursday evening from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Although we plan on still meeting Wednesday, we will be there from 1 – 3 PM, and not the usual 6-8. Our

stabilator is progressing nicely with several members gaining the necessary skills to build a quality aircraft! Also, Member Monty Rackow has done it again and made a very useful donation to our Chapter in the form of a pedestal grinder for our RV-12 build! Thank you again, Monty!

Please bring your face mask and your own coffee, if you'd like, but the Museum cannot allow and outside food to be brought in.

I hope to see you there for this Saturday's meeting, but please check Friday evening's reminder for a final update!

BLUE SKIES!

-Steve Socolosky

A few of our Members . . .



Students Members and two *older* Gentlemen helping.



Mikey and his Grandfather flying! Who's PIC there?



Mikey and his Grandfather (Linc) and of course his RV-6!

Nothing like Block Island for breakfast!



A few of our Student Members from Middletown High!

(. . . and somebody's thumb!)

Secretary's Report by Linc Turcotte:



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EAA Chapter 166 – BRAINARD AIRPORT – Steve's T-Hangar

Meeting Minutes

Date: 31 October 2020

Meeting Called to Order Time: 10:10 AM

Total No. Present including Guests & Students: 21

- Guests & their interests: Half of our attendees were Guests! Several were from Meriden and included Nick Thompson, David Thompson (who hails from Michigan), and Joe Hobson. Their involvement in aviation is deep with RV10 build experience & pilot credentials earned. Cat Guimares also joined the Meriden group; she was up from Jax & is also a co-builder with her father. A very well-rounded group - my apologies if I got any of your credentials confused!
- Progress/Tech Counselor's Reports: Gil Midford's RV7A is still in North Carolina where his paint job is nearing completion. Linc's RV6 just underwent its' third oil change and maintenance checks with no issues found. All is looking good and cowlings are back on; will soon complete 60 hours. Both grandsons, daughter, and son-in-law have been up so the 'RV Grin' is spreading.
- Treasurer's report: No changes from last month were reported.
- Secretary's report: Alyssa Celone was reassigned on short notice to Pratt & Whitney's engine test facility in West Palm Beach, FL. so Linc Turcotte is re-occupying this position until another member steps forward – ANYONE LISTENING?!
- Eagle Flights: Rick Montero flew a fellow worker from Pratt & Whitney after experiencing a weather-related delay / rescheduling.
- Our 'Student' (?) member Joe Cassineri was undergoing his Private Pilot check-ride while we were meeting; very happy to report HE PASSED! Congrats Joe – may you have blue skies and many many happy flights!

- Awards Banquet: Due to COVID, there was insufficient interest in holding our usual annual dinner meeting this year. Instead, we will hold our next meeting at 10:00 AM on Saturday 14 November 2020 at the New England Air Museum where social distancing protocols may be observed. Our annual election of officers will be conducted at that time; volunteers are encouraged to step forward. **See Steve's message for cost, and additional information.**
- Chapter Dues: It's that time of year – please submit your annual \$20. remittance to Brenda Rossignol. Her contact information is [REDACTED]. Also, you are reminded that your membership in the national EAA organization is essential – of particular importance for insurance purposes if you are taking part in our RV12 build efforts!
- We continue our RV12 build effort in Hartford Jet Centers hangar H2 – the one with the new 'HOME OF THE RV12' and EAA Chapter 166 signs! Our sessions continue after each monthly chapter meeting and every Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. We may add a 2nd weekly evening build session on Thursday evenings given sufficient member interest. Please contact Rick Montero who has assembled a spreadsheet of interested chapter members with a skill matrix.
- Next Meeting: 10:00 AM, Saturday 14 November 2020 at the New England Air Museum
- Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon with interested members continuing on to our RV12 build area. Many thanks to Lindsey Rutka of HJC for our build area in H2 and for placing our signs!
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Respectfully submitted by:

Linc Turcotte

Secretary



Thank you to ALL our Veterans!

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

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