



# *EAA Chapter 166 Newsletter*

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# ***HAPPY NEW YEAR!***



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**NEXT MEETING DATE: \*\*\*SAT., 30 JAN 2021 at 10:00 AM\*\*\***

**AT THE NEW ENGLAND AIR MUSEUM!**

**PLEASE PAY YOUR 2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES TO DAVE ARMANDO! [EAA 166 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM](#)**

### President's Message:

**Hello Everyone!**

*I hope your Spirit of Aviation is in great health as EAA 166 begins 2021 with our very first meeting of the new year at the New England Air Museum (NEAM)! What better place to share our passion, than where the greatest collection of aviation/aerospace vehicles and artifacts exist in the entire northeast? Thanks to Debbie Reed and Jeanie Rozbora of NEAM, for welcoming us to the museum! We have also scheduled our meetings at NEAM for Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>.*

*But wait! There's more! NEAM has a brand-new Redbird, FAA-Certified, flight simulator, and Bob Stangerone, from NEAM, and new EAA 166 Member, will give us a demo and explain opportunities! Thank you, Bob and welcome to Chapter 166! Please see pics below – I had a chance to fly it!*

*Our RV-12 update: We've been making steady progress over the past few months, completing the Stabilator and now working to complete the Tail Cone. Then, we'll be fitting the Stabilator, Vertical Fin and Rudder to the Tail Cone! Rick Montero (166 VP) and Dave Thompson (166 Secretary) are also working on the details to forming a club with our RV-12, so we are ready to go when the time comes! Many of us are looking forward to flying it! Please see a few pictures of our RV-12 below.*

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**Middletown High School (MHS) RV-12s update:** EAA 166 Student Members from MHS have inventoried the entire air frame and are just beginning to assemble parts and hardware for the Vertical Stabilizer and Rudder! We also just took delivery of our Rotax 912iS engine and three-bladed propeller! (Déjà vu all over again!) A few students have remarked, "I'm building TWO RV-12s!" These are our future aircraft builders and pilots! Please see a few pictures below.

Just about every builder I've met, goes through a process of designing and selecting a paint scheme for their aircraft and Gil Midford did just that, along with the seemingly, infinite wait! Was it worth it, Gil? I'd say so! Please see Gil's RV-7A below.

I could go on, but why don't you stop by the meeting next Saturday instead, and share YOUR Spirit of Aviation!

**BLUE SKIES!**  
**Steve Socolosky**

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**The Redbird at the New England Air Museum!**

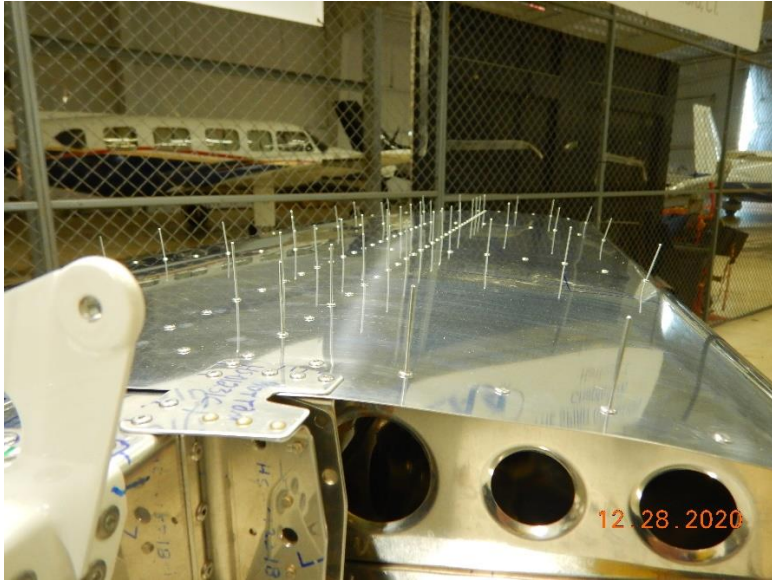


**Manu working those clecos!**



**Robbie and Nathan are all over it!**





**Ready to rivet the Stabilator skin!**



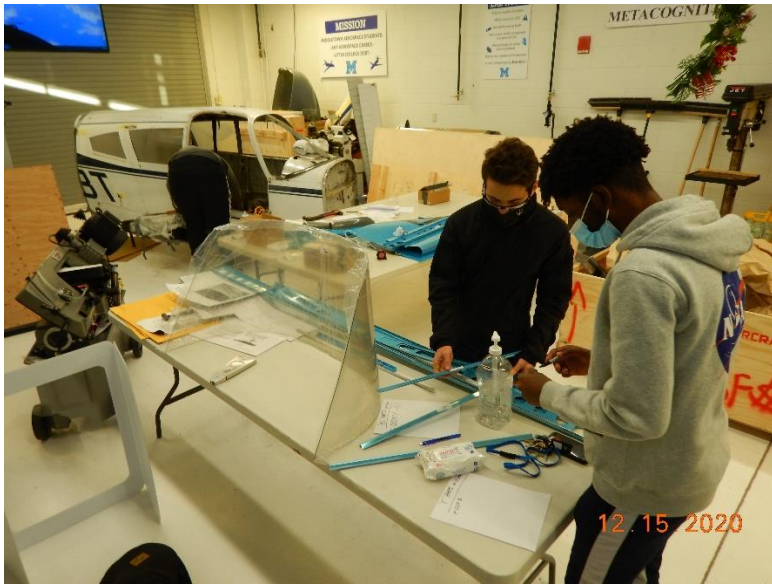
**Awww! 166 Members with the Charlie Brown tree!**



**Now the Tail Cone!**







***Middletown High School Students and EAA 166 Student Members building and RV-12is!***



***Middletown High School RV-12is Engine arrives!***





***BEFORE: EAA 166 Member Gil Midford's RV-7A serves as the canvas for a sharp paint job!***



***... and AFTER!***

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