



# EAA Chapter 166

## Hartford, Connecticut

### October 2021



#### NEXT MEETING

**October 30,  
2021, 10:00am**

at 230 Lindbergh Dr,  
Hartford, CT. One of our  
Student Members will be  
there to let you in Gate #8

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*by Steve Socolosky*

Greetings fellow EAA 166 Members!

We're finally beginning to see and feel some autumnal-like good old New England weather! That means improved visibility and aircraft performance with the colder, denser air, not to mention the beautiful leaf-lookin' opportunities from the air! We'll be gathering for our last Chapter 166 meeting at my hangar for the year on Saturday, October 30th, at 10:00 AM.

It's getting close! Please keep Saturday, November 13th free for our Annual Awards Dinner at the CT Officers Club at the Hartford State Armory. It's just around the corner! Please sign up soon! We had over 30 Members last time and this year it will surely be a great time and a great meal for all! It's \$35/person. Plus, we have a very special and engaging speaker! Brenda Rossignol is in charge and you can email her at: nbrossignol@comcast.net We are also looking for Members to help out with leading our Chapter as we will vote on our Officers for 2022 at our Annual Awards Dinner. Please consider helping your Chapter, even if part time. Thank you!

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Did you fly an interesting route this past month? Land for a good \$100 hamburger? Get some time in a cool airplane or behind some neat avionics? We want to hear about it! Submit a photo or 100-word or less story to [aranglisano@gmail.com](mailto:aranglisano@gmail.com) for your activity or flight to be featured in our new monthly newsletter column, Member Activity!



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On Saturday, September 25, Women in Aviation International (WAI) held its annual Girls in Aviation Day at Brainard Airport and EAA 166 was a part of it! WAI Members, Manu Ramesh, Loretta Caparas, Alyssa Celone and Mickey Perez (President of WAI CT Chapter), who are also EAA 166 Members, were creating interest among young girls with various activities including showing them some basic skills in building an RV-12, in our build area in Hangar 2! Some of the girls just became Young Eagles with us last month! What a fantastic event!

Finally, our guest speaker this month is Matt Macaluso, from Learn 2 Fly CT. He is a CFII and he will talk about things to focus on during your BFR and Rusty Pilot Training.

See you all soon!

Blue Skies!

Steve Socolosky



VH-34s used to transport President Biden with V-22s in the background on Friday, October 15.

## President Biden's visit to Connecticut



Member Ashley Anglisano caught the VH-34s and V-22s over the UConn Storrs campus, where she saw President Biden speak.



The "BEAST" at Brainard!



# Girls in Aviation Day at Brainard Airport



Manu Ramesh, EAA 166 Member and also Women in Aviation Int'l Member, shows young ladies how to use cleco pliers and hole deburring tools in our RV-12 build area in Hangar 2!

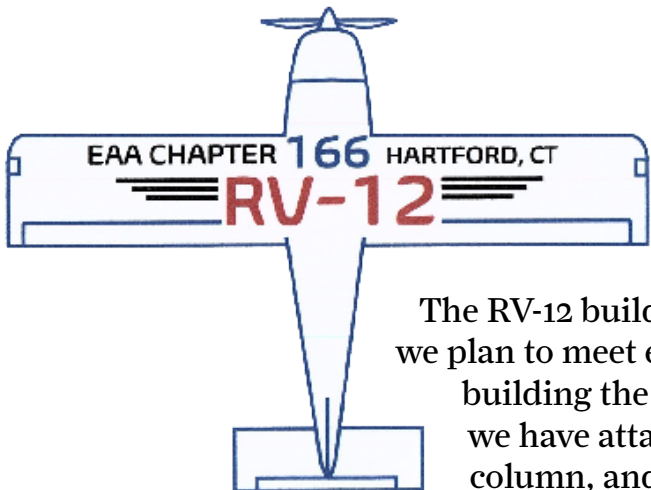


## LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Last month, the chapter met at Steve's hangar and featured member Tom Baldyga as the guest speaker, who spoke about his factory built M24 Orion gyrocopter. The group also heard updates from a few student members, as well as some build updates. Read the full meeting minutes [here](#).







# EAA I66 RV-12 BUILD UPDATE

The RV-12 build team has gained momentum in the last few weeks and we plan to meet every Thursday for the foreseeable future to continue building the mid-fuselage and empennage. In the last few weeks, we have attached the seat ramp floor panels, installed the control column, and completed the trim-servo push rod assembly. Next we plan to install the push rod assembly and attach the forward ribs to the mid-fuselage. —Rick Montero



Ron Jones, Seth Varrato (student member), Steve Oakley after successfully installing floor ramps and control column and Linc Turcotte (holding completed servo-trim push rod assembly). *Photo credit: R. Montero*



Build team having a little fun at end of a session. Left to Right: Robbie Leone (fitting rudder fairing), Steve Oakley (pointing), Manu Ramesh, Linc Turcotte (seated), and Ron Jones. *Photo credit: R. Montero*



Left to Right: Robbie Leone, Manu Ramesh, Steve Oakley, Linc Turcotte (seated), and Ron Jones at the conclusion of a build session. *Photo credit: R. Montero*





EAA 166 Member Larry Anglisano reporting live, with correspondent Kate O'Connor, from the National Business Aircraft Association convention in Las Vegas.



EAA 166 Member Dave Armando landed at The Captains Cove in Stratford for lunch.



Tom Baldyga, EAA 166 Member, tells the chapter all about his cool-flying factory-built M24 Orion auto gyro!

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