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NEXT MEETING

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2022, 10:00am**

**Check your email for
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Steve Socolosky

Hello to all our EAA 166 Members!

Is it Spring yet? Thank you to everyone who attended our last meeting on March 26th! This month's meeting will be in our usual meeting room on the 2nd floor of Hangar 1 (H1), OR maybe my hangar if it's warm enough? Please watch your email REMINDER on Friday, April 29th! If we meet in Hangar 1 (H1), please go to the Hartford Jet Center lobby and ask for directions, then you'll be buzzed on to the ramp to proceed to H1. We'll be working on our RV-12 again after our meeting!

DUES!!!! Please pay your 2022 dues [HERE](#) if you haven't already! Thank you!

As I did at our last month's meeting, I will be giving an update on our efforts to overcome the few who are trying to close Brainard Airport for their own personal gain. There is much happening, including several of you who wrote in and/or testified in opposition to Bill #463 at the public Zoom hearing on Thursday, March 31st. Although the Bill made it out of committee with some minor changes, it will be debated and could make it to a vote. However, we are gaining support against it and being an election year, politicians have other issues to worry about. I remain optimistic that Brainard will not only survive, but that it will become a great hub of aviation which benefits everyone!

Rick Montero, our Ray Aviation Scholarship Coordinator, has yet to receive an applicant for our third Ray Scholarship. If you know a young person who may be interested, please let Rick know. It's a serious commitment and we know those future pilots are out there!

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Cheyenne Fuoco, our second Ray Scholarship recipient, was still waiting for better weather to take her check ride, as of April 16. The winds have been gusting well over 20 kts. for several days. Cheyenne is ready!

Our guest speaker will be John Silverberg who will share his knowledge and experiences with soaring and amphibious operations. John also hopes to fly his Lake Amphibian in to HFD on the morning of our meeting! Wings credit will be available for this event.



I hope to see you all soon!

BLUE SKIES!

Steve

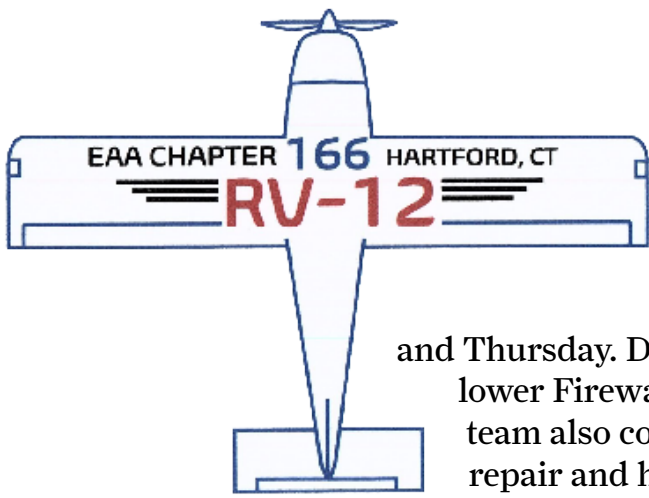
EAA 166 has earned the BRONZE level status recognition for the combined 2020 and 2021 years!

This program was developed and measured in partnership with EAA's Chapter Advisory Council, and is based on 10 criteria that are consistently found in active and highly engaged chapters. Due to 2020 and 2021 being, challenging years for chapters to maintain a high level of engagement, these years have been combined into a single recognition period.



At the March meeting, updates were given on the RV-12 build, Eagle and Young Eagle Flights, talk of a visit from the Ford Trimotor this fall, and the opportunity to have a Ray Scholar. Guest speaker Bub Pulford spoke of his trip to the Grand Canyon.

Miss the last meeting? Read the full meeting minutes [here](#).



EAA I66 RV-12 BUILD UPDATE

The RV-12 build team now meets regularly on Tuesday and Thursday. During the past few weeks, the team has completed the lower Firewall assembly and attached it to the Mid-Fuselage. The team also completed the Tail Cone Service Bulletin (SB-00053) repair and has begun trials to bend the Fuselage Longerons. The operation to form the Longerons is complex because it requires first spreading the 90-degree angle at one end, then twisting it, then bending it along its length to form a sweeping arc that matches the shape of the Fuselage. The team is finding this operation to be a real challenge. Over the next few weeks, we plan to complete the Fuselage construction. If you wish to help, please contact Rick Montero (rick.montero@sbcglobal.net) or Steve Socolosky (soco7a@aol.com).



Sing Cohn (L) and Austin Fuoco (C) riveting the corner skins onto the lower Firewall assembly with guidance from Ed Semeneshen. credit: R. Montero



Steve Oakly (L) and Lauryn Santino (R) sorting hardware for the Tail Cone Service Bulletin repair. Photo credit: R. Montero



The build team at the end of a build session in March. Left to Right: Mikey, Robbie, Sing, Lauryn, Steve, Ron, Manu, Austin, Ed, and Linc. Photo credit: R. Montero



Firewall (L) and Mid-Fuselage assembly. Photo credit: R. Montero



Rick Montero took Lauryn Santino up for an Eagle Flight! She really enjoyed it and did very well flying the plane.



Cheyenne Fuoco after her last flight before her Private Pilot check ride at Enid Woodring Regional Airport (KWDG) in Enid, Oklahoma. Cheyenne's been continuing to fly and prepare for her check ride as final exams begin at Oklahoma State University. No PRESSURE Cheyenne! By the way, Cheyenne made the Dean's List in her first semester! You got this, Cheyenne!



Dave Armando's flight to Parker's Maple Barn in Mason, NH. Landed for breakfast & a sugar shack tour!

Submit photos or a 100-word or less story to aranglisano@gmail.com for your activity or flight to be featured in our monthly newsletter column, Member Activity!

Helicopterin' with Dave Armando to Parker's Maple Barn in Mason, NH!



Dave and Steve just before takeoff!



Future pilots!



Parker's Maple Barn Landing Zone



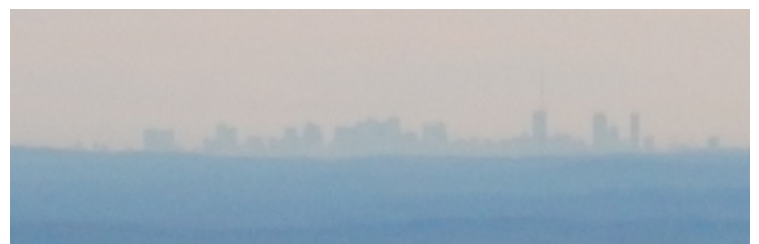
It's all about the food...and the journey in a helicopter!



Everyone loves a helicopter!



What about helicopter parking?



Boston in the distance - debated buzzing by our Newsletter Editor's house!

An Easier Dynon Install

by *Larry Anglisano*

VIDEO REPORT

If your kit will include a Dynon SkyView EFIS, the installation could be easier than ever now with Dynon's FastTrack systems. One time-burner in the install process is fabricating the custom hardware bracketry while figuring out where and how to mount the sensor to the airframe. The FastTrack line includes modular mounting tray kits and attachment brackets designed specifically for SkyView displays and remote components. It also includes a variety of prefab wiring harnesses.

The FastTrack Essentials packages are available in both VFR and IFR configurations and include a modular mounting tray for the HDX800 and HDX1100 EFIS displays. These trays are one-piece systems to house the remote accessories that support a given HDX suite. There's also a com/transponder module mounting kit for housing components behind the center avionics stack.

Think prefab—where preassembled kits with most of the core modules already installed on a universal mounting tray. The interface also includes the components networked together with a wiring hub and prefab network harnesses. According to Dynon, as one example, all a builder needs to do is unpackage the equipment, fasten the preassembled hardware to the panel using four rivets and then attach the SkyView display into the provided nut plates with four screws. The \$1995 VFR package comes with the EMS-220 engine monitoring module, ADSB-472 ADS-B In receiver and harness kit, SkyView network hub and harness kit, and the \$2565 IFR package adds the SV-ARINC-429 module for connecting IFR GPS navigators to the suite.

EAA166 member and KITPLANES Magazine editor Larry Anglisano took a look at the hardware at Sun 'n Fun 2022 in [this video](#).





Stephen Lamont McEvitt, 76, of Farmington, CT passed away on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Lamont grew up in East Hartford, CT and was the eldest of their four children. Growing up Lamont was a great student enjoyed riflery and science. S. Lamont McEvitt married Carolyn Diann Ewanco on September 9, 1967, in Pittsburgh, PA where they met as college students and lived there until 1973 when moving to Farmington, CT. Lamont was an entrepreneur and participated in many different businesses ranging from a Dunkin' franchise, medical imaging business, and a fine art auction house. Lamont was a well-respected antiques and fine art dealer and appraiser. Prior to college, Lamont's aspiration was to enter the Air Force, but during his physical exam for the Air Force, he was found to have a rare bone condition, which disqualified him from pursuing his aviation dream. Lamont later pursued his love of aviation as an active member of the Chapter 166 Experimental Aircraft Association. He also valued adult education and received his Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership and Project Management from Charter Oak State College in 2012. He also served on the Board of Charter Oak College for some years.

*This obituary has been edited for length. To read the entire piece, visit the Hartford Courant.

From the New England Air Museum

WHAT? A SUMMER JOB AT THE NEW ENGLAND AIR MUSEUM?



HELP WANTED: Aerospace Camp Counselors for

New England Air Museum's 2022 Aerospace Camp

From July 5th until August 19th (5 days per week for 7 weeks), The New England Air Museum is looking to hire high school-age camp counselors for their 2022 Aerospace Summer Camp at \$15 per hour.

Daily hours are from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM with more details coming.

Please email Steve Socolosky if you are interested: soco7a@aol.com

Aerospace Academy Camp, Summer 2022

EXPLORE THE EXCITING WORLD OF AEROSPACE AT THE NEW ENGLAND AIR MUSEUM THIS SUMMER!

Aerospace Academy Camp is a day camp for children ages 9-12 interested in all things aerospace!

- Fly in our full-motion Redbird Flight Simulator
- Build drones & robots
- Fly submersible drones at Central Connecticut State University
- Take a behind-the-scenes trip to Hartford-Brainard Airport
- Learn about aircraft restoration ...and more!



Questions? Contact our camp team at camp@neam.org!

CAMP SESSIONS:

SESSION 1: JULY 5 - JULY 8

SESSION 2: JULY 11 - JULY 15

SESSION 3: JULY 18 - JULY 22

SESSION 4: JULY 25 - JULY 29

SESSION 5: AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 5

SESSION 6: AUGUST 8 - AUGUST 12

SESSION 7: AUGUST 15 - AUGUST 19

[Click here for more information and for registration.](#)