



# EAA Chapter 166

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## NEXT MEETING

April 29,  
2023, 10:00am

Location TBD based  
on weather!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*by Steve Socolosky*

Hi Everyone,

My Mom passed away recently with little stress and much dignity. In addition to being very grateful for being able to be with her for her last few hours, talking and praying, I am also very grateful for all the kind words many of you have expressed to me and my family. Thank you!

Now, as the weather begins to warm, flying becomes a priority for many! Not that it wasn't a priority for some during the winter (like me!), it's just that there are simply more aircraft out there flying!

With this warmer weather, that also means Young Eagles becomes a priority! It's an important mission of our Chapter, to help inspire the future of aviation! To help us continue that mission, we were at the New England Air Museum's, Space Expo on April 15th, promoting Young Eagles and taking names for our International Young Eagles Day Rally on Saturday, June 10, 2023! Please let our Young Eagles Coordinator, Manu Ramesh, know if you can help that day. md.ramesh@gmail.com Thank you!

Our Young Eagle Rally on Saturday, April 22, was canceled due to weather, so we are now turning our efforts towards International Young Eagles Day!

Please read on to see our RV-12 update by our RV-12 Build Team Leader, Rick Montero! Club formation is well underway, too!

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from the March meeting.



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Oshkosh anyone? EAA Headquarters has asked us to make two presentations at the Blue Barn during Oshkosh this year! They would like us to present about how we engage/inspire Youth in aviation as it relates to the Ray Scholars we've mentored, and as it relates to our Student Members who are helping build our RV-12! Please let me know if you would like to assist in creating our presentations!

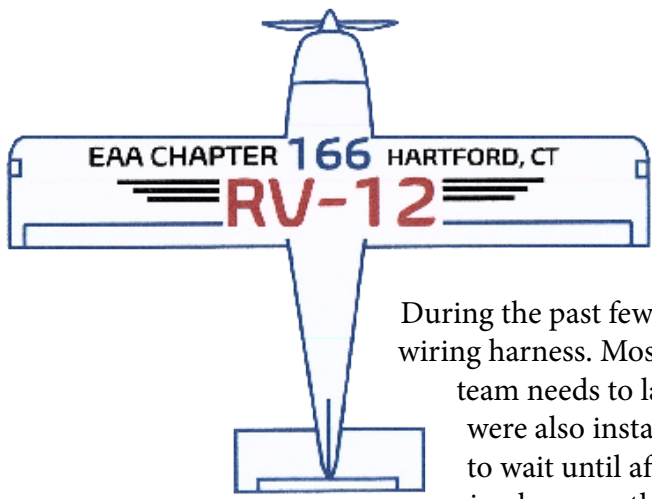
That's all for now! I hope to see you all at our next meeting on Saturday, April 29th, at 10:00 AM! Please keep an eye out for our MEETING LOCATION, since if it's nice out, we'll meet at my hangar!  
BLUE SKIES!

Steve



Steve took his Mom flying once!  
She agreed to go after about 15 years . . . and liked it!





# EAA 166 RV-12 BUILD UPDATE

During the past few weeks, the RV-12 Build Team has continued work to install the wiring harness. Most of the wires have been routed to their final position and now the team needs to lace the wire harness and to strap it into position. The control sticks were also installed. Final connections of the control sticks to push rods will need to wait until after the wiring harness is strapped into position. In addition to wiring harness, the team has started work on Section 40, which covers installation of the wing light. A hole for the lens was cut into the right wing and the plexiglass

lens was matched drilled and trimmed to fit into the opening.

Over the next few weeks, the team plans complete the wire harness install, control stick and landing light installation.

The team meets every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in Hangar 2 at 6:00 p.m. If you wish to join the build team, please contact me at [rick.montero@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rick.montero@sbcglobal.net).

Rick Montero

EAA166 RV-12 Build Team Leader



Mark Welch (Left) and Steve Oakley (right) reviewing wiring installation instructions.  
Photo Credit: Rick Montero.



Manu Ramesh pointing toward the opening cut into the leading edge of the right wing and the matched drilled holes for the landing light lens.  
Photo Credit: Rick Montero.



Build crew following a recent Thursday night build session. From left to right: Manu Ramesh, Ron Jones, Mark Welch, Seth Varrato, and Steve Oakley.  
Photo Credit: Rick Montero.



Ryan Coughlin (left foreground), Mike Coughlin (left rear) and Ken Katz (right) shown next to landing light lens clecoed into the right wing after it was trimmed to size. Photo Credit: Rick Montero.





Steve and Larry Anglisano flew to White Cloud at KORE for breakfast, and tested out the new Bose A30 headsets along the way.



CAP Cadets learn a little about building an RV-12 . . . and how to coil up an air hose!



Alyssa and Steve fly to Josh's Place at Southbridge (3B0). Alyssa has found a new food place to fly to!



# Custom Instrument Panels

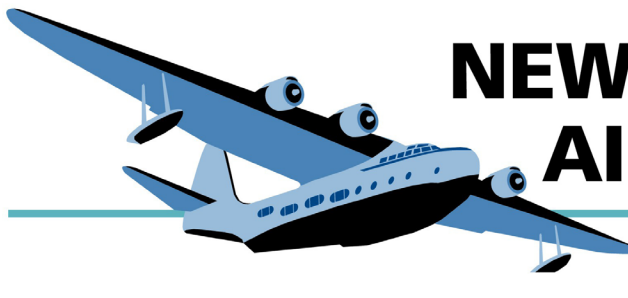
by Larry Anglisano

TECH REPORT



Not all kit builders have the skills to fabricate their own custom instrument panels. Truth is, it's a lot more than just cutting new metal. But one company that's got the process down to an efficient science—while turning out some impressive custom panels—is Superior Aircraft Components in Texas. They can bring a show-winning panel from conception to shipping in a short amount of time. EAA 166 member Larry Anglisano took a close look at the company's build process with company founder Kranston Kincaid while at Sun 'n Fun 2023 in Florida last March.

Click the player above to watch the video.



# NEW ENGLAND AIR MUSEUM CORNER

Click the photo below to view the New England Air Museum's upcoming programs and events!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

EXPLORE THE SKIES!

New England Air Museum is home to an ever changing roster of events – ranging in focus from children, to students and adults. Please explore our featured upcoming events below or use the calendar at the bottom of this page to see all events!

## RECAP | New England Air Museum Space Expo



You never know who you're going to run into at the New England Air Museum's Space Expo, besides Young Eagles! See left, Bill Barry, a future Young Eagle, Manu Ramesh and Steve.

Below, Manu Ramesh, our Young Eagles coordinator, spoke with MANY interested future Young Eagles and their parents.

